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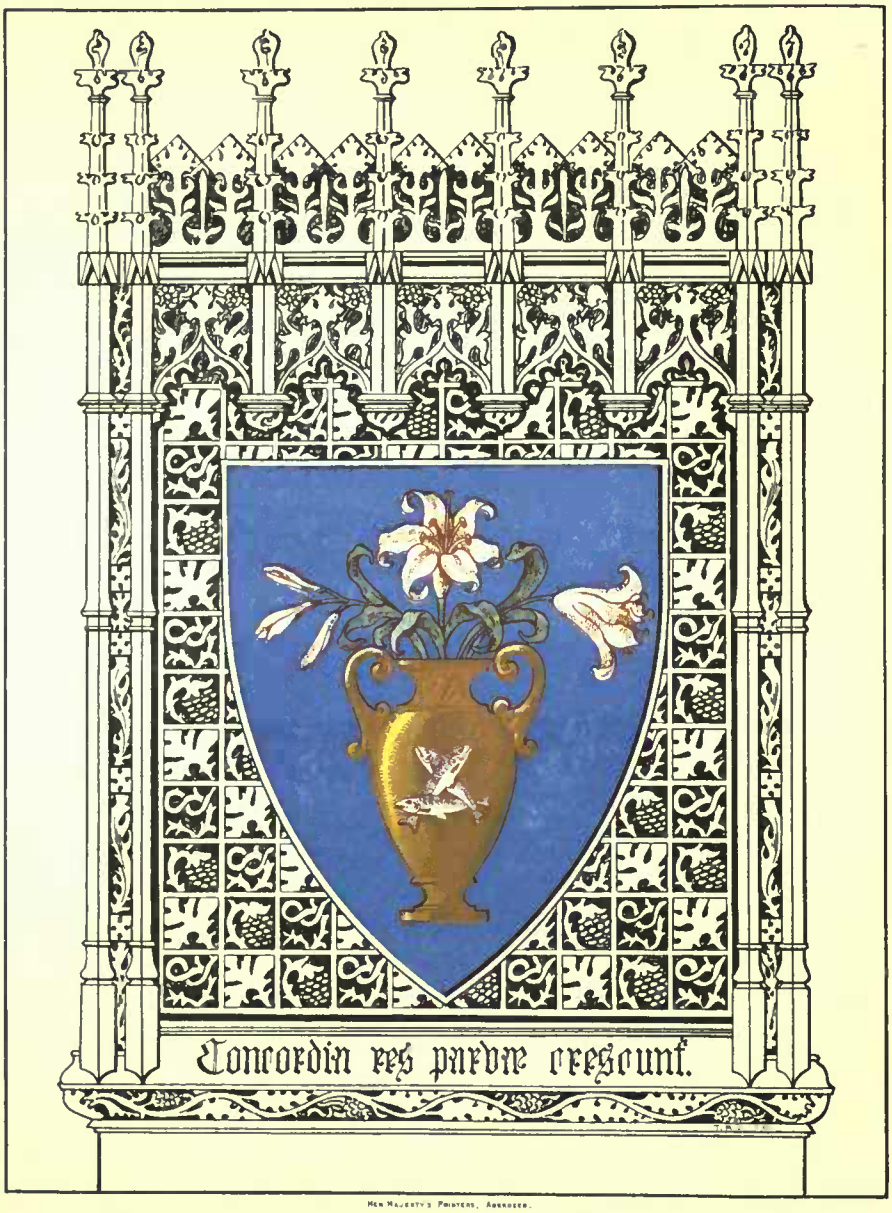

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PREFACE.

THE writs and extracts from the various records given in the present volume are intended to portray and throw some light on a phase of the history of Old Aberdeen which in the past has not had much attention given to it.

The religious and educational interests centred in the Old Town have in a measure thrust the civil institutions and life of the people into the background, and though these latter may not relatively compare in importance with the two former, yet the life within the Bishop's burgh, far from being uninteresting and uninstructive, is capable of adding much to our knowledge of the conditions of society in a past age, and of setting before us old customs and usages not now in practice.

The almost perfect freedom exercised by the burgesses in all their affairs during the period covered by the extant minutes of the Council is a noteworthy fact. With few exceptions the minutes of the Town Council might be those of any Royal Burgh, so free were the burghal institutions from the control of the Bishop as lord superior.

The existence of King's College within the liberties of the burgh would lead one to expect more extended notices of that institution than actually occur, and the reason for this

seeming omission in the minutes may arise from the fact that for long King's College claimed and exercised a jurisdiction outwith that of the Magistrates and Council.

As an opportunity, however, will be given in a subsequent volume to treat of the history of Old Aberdeen in detail, it is not desirable to touch further on the subject here.

The Records from which the extracts contained in this volume have been drawn consist of :—

1. A series of Charters and Acts of Parliament, selected with the view of showing the foundation of the Bishopric and the erection of the Bishop's seat into a burgh of barony, with the subsequent acts of the Scottish Parliament dealing with subjects closely connected with the welfare of the burgh.

2. Extracts from the minutes of the Town Council which commence with the election in December, 1602. These proceedings are complete with the exception of two volumes covering the periods from May, 1617, to November, 1634, and from June, 1728, to July, 1738, respectively,[1] and although efforts have been made to trace the missing volumes they have proved unsuccessful. An inventory of the volumes containing the proceedings of the Council is referred to in more than one minute, but nothing earlier than the first existing minute-book is mentioned.

3. The Treasurer's Accounts consist of the separate accounts made up by the respective persons holding the office of Treasurer of the burgh, and they have been sorted out from a very large mass of papers and recently bound into a volume. They are necessarily very incomplete, and the earliest recovered account is that of William Angus, treasurer from Michaelmas, 1660, to Michaelmas, 1661. The selections from the accounts

[1] From 1707 to 1709 and from 1712 to 1719 no regular meetings seem to have been held, and no minutes are engrossed in the minute-books.

have been made with a view of supplementing the extracts from the minutes.

4. Merchant and Trade Burgess Roll. It has been thought advisable to give in full the merchant and craftsmen lists, in view of the fact that this class of record is becoming more and more recognised as a most valuable aid in all matters relating to genealogical research. The honorary burgess list may not be so brilliant as that of some burghs, yet it contains numerous names of illustrious visitors and others of sufficient interest to have them recalled in their capacity as honorary freemen of Old Aberdeen.

The roll till 1719 is compiled from the Council Registers, after which date a separate register was kept for all admissions whether ordinary or honorary.

4. The Merchant Society, dissolved within the present year (1899), possess the charter by Bishop Patrick Scougall in 1680 granting the merchants liberty to form themselves into a Society. The charter was produced on several occasions as the writ securing to the merchants the privilege to be received and acknowledged as a corporation, and of so great importance was it that strict injunctions were given from time to time for its preservation in their box. The extracts taken from the extant minute-books show the origin and nature of the Society, and also that it possessed nothing of the character of the Guildry Incorporations in other burghs.

5. Trade Incorporations. A selection only has been made from the records of the various trades as illustrative of the whole. The two charters by Bishop Adam Ballenden, in 1637, and Bishop George Haliburton, in 1684, are the foundation for the rights exercised by the craftsmen. The trades as incorporations had an existence prior to the first of these charters, and even before the date of the earliest extant minute-book in

1604. The licence or seal of cause in favour of the Gardeners' Society in 1754 shows the Council acting in the same capacity as the Bishop, and with powers similar to those exercised by the magistrates of a royal burgh.

6. The Miscellaneous papers include an interesting list of the inhabitants within the Spital and Old Aberdeen as compiled by the order of the Magistrates in 1636, from which it appears there were then 829 persons within the liberties of the burgh, including 268 children. For comparison there has also been given the list of persons liable for poll in 1696, showing the total at that date to have been 843, but that number is exclusive of children under sixteen years of age. The valuation roll of 1796 is of considerable interest not only as showing that the population had by that date increased to 1100, but as giving an index to the house rents payable at the close of last century. The total valuation amounted to the sum of £540 15s. 0d., and as indicating the enormous increase in the wealth of the community, it is worthy of note that for the year 1890-91, the year before the amalgamation with Aberdeen, the rental of Old Aberdeen was about £8300.

The concluding papers, taken from the proceedings of the Parliamentary Commission for Trade, in 1699, give a glimpse into the commercial status of the Old Town and to the strong feeling prevailing between the two towns as to their respective rights and privileges of trade.

I have to express my best thanks to the various gentlemen connected with the Merchants' Society and the various Trades for the permission so kindly granted me to inspect their records and to extract whatever I considered of interest. I am also indebted to T. R. Spence, Esq., London, for his kindness in furnishing the beautiful drawing of the Arms of the Burgh which forms the frontispiece to the volume, and to William

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CHARTERS, ACTS OF PARLIAMENT, ETC.

I.

Bulla Adriani confirmatiua omnium concessionum ecclesie abbirdonensi per serenissimos principes Scotorum Reges factarum R. P. Eduardo Episcopo.[1]

Adrianus episcopus seruus seruorum dei Venerabili fratri Eduardo Abbirdonensi episcopo eiusque successoribus canonice substituendis imperpetuum Salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Cum ex iniuncto nobis a deo apostolatus officio quo cunctis Christi fidelibus auctore domino preeminemus singulorum paci et tranquillitati debeamus intendere. presertim pro illorum quiete oportet nos esse sollicitos qui pastorali dignitate sunt prediti et ad officium pontificale promoti. Nisi enim nos eorum vtilitatibus intendentes ipsorum iura in quantum deo

I.

Bull of Adrian IV. confirming all grants to the Church of Aberdeen made by the most serene princes, the Kings of the Scots, to the Reverend Father Edward, Bishop. 10*th August*, 1157.

Adrian, Bishop, servant of the servants of God, to our Venerable brother Edward, Bishop of Aberdeen, and to his successors canonically following him, perpetual Greeting, and the apostolic blessing. Seeing that, as enjoined upon Us by God, in the office of our apostolate, wherein by Divine authority We are set over all Christ's faithful people, We ought to promote the peace and tranquillity of all men; especially does it behove Us to be careful for the quiet of those who are endued with pastoral dignity and are promoted to the pontifical office. For unless We, by promoting their advantages, preserve

[1] This deed, the first authentic writ connected with the Bishopric of Aberdeen, is taken from the copy engrossed in the King's College MS. marked "Registrum Cath. Eccles. Aberdonensis," and differs very slightly from that printed in the *Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, i., p. 5.

permittente possumus integra conseruemus. et auctoritate apostolica eos a pravorum incursibus defendamus de illorum salute non vere poterunt esse solliciti qui sibi ad regendum domino sunt disponente commissi. Huius itaque rei consideratione venerabilis in Christo frater Episcope prouocati tuis iustis postulationibus clementer annuimus tam personam tuam quam abbirdonensem ecclesiam cui deo auctore preesse dinosceris sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus et presentis scripti priuilegio communimus. Statuentes vt quascunque possessiones. quecunque bona eadem ecclesia in presenti iuste et canonice possidet aut in futurum concessione pontificum . largitione regum vel principum oblatione fidelium seu aliis iustis modis prestante domino poterit adipisci firma tibi tuisque successoribus et illibata permaneant. in quibus hec propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis. ecclesiam de Abbirdein. ecclesiam Sancti Machorii. totam villam veteris Abbirdone. dimidiam aquam de North. decimam piscarie de Croys. Pethferlon. Ardimachyn. Ardechellyn. Slatyne. Goule. Petsprottis. Murrod. Goule[1] [Tuligreg].

their rights unhurt, so far as, God permitting Us, We are able, and, defend them from the inroads of the wicked by our apostolic authority; they, indeed, can not be careful for the health of those who, by Divine authority, are committed to them to rule. Therefore, our venerable brother Bishop in Christ, We, urged by the consideration of this very matter, graciously assent to thy just petitions, and We take under the protection of the blessed Peter, and under our own protection, and fortify by the privilege of this present writing, both thy person, and the Church of Aberdeen, over which, by the providence of God, thou art a distinguished ruler; decreeing that whatsoever possessions and whatsoever goods the said church possesses at the present time by just and canonical right or may obtain in the future by the concession of Popes, the liberality of kings or princes, or the offering of the faithful or by other just means, shall, by Divine security, be held firmly by thee and thy successors and shall remain inviolate; among which we consider that the following should be specified by their own names: the Church of Aberdeen,[2] the Church of S. Machor, the whole town of Old Aberdon, half the water on

[1] The copyist has erroneously repeated Goule in place of Tillygreig given in other MSS.

[2] The church of Aberdeen may probably refer either to the church of the Kirkton of Seaton, or to an old foundation within new Aberdeen existing prior to the building of S. Nicholas, which was outside the ports of the burgh.

Kynmonedy. Malmeulach. ecclesiam quoque sancti Nicholai de Abbirdone. decimam molendini abbirdonensis. decimam de chane nauium que illuc veniunt. cum uno rete in Suth aqua et totam decimam piscium que ibi capiuntur. totam decimam annone in eodem loco. totam decimam piscium que capiuntur in stellis. decimam de Baldwyniston annone et piscium. decimam de Badfothel. totam decimam regis de burgo Abbirdon. decimam eorum que sunt inter duas aquas que De et Spee dicuntur. Villam de Rane cum pertinentiis suis. Clat cum ecclesia et ceteris pertinentiis suis. Tulynestyn cum ecclesia et ceteris pertinentiis suis. monasterium Cloueth. villam et monasterium de Murthillach cum quinque ecclesis et terris eisdem pertinentibus. ecclesias de Rane et de Dauyoth cum pertinentiis suis. ecclesiam de Outeirlis cum pertinentiis suis. ecclesiam de Crudane cum pertinentiis suis. ecclesiam de Balhelwy cum pertinentiis suis. ecclesiam de Bras cum pertinentiis

the North,[1] the tithe of the fishing of Croys,[2] Pethferlon,[3] Ardimachyn, Ardechellyn, Slatyne,[4] Goule, Petsprottis, Murrod, Tuligreg, Kynmonedy, Malmeulach, also the church of S. Nicholas of Aberdon, the tithe of the mill of Aberdeen, the tithe of the customs of the ships which go there, with one net in the South water, and the whole tithe of the fish which are caught there, the whole tithe of grain in the same place, the whole of the fish which are caught in ponds, the tithe of Baldwyniston[5] grain and fish, the tithe of Badfothel,[6] the whole King's tithe of the burgh of Aberdon, the tithe of those things situated between the two waters which are called Dee and Spey, the town of Rane with its pertinents, Clatt with its church and the rest of its pertinents, Tulynestyn with its church and the rest of its pertinents, the monastery of Cloueth, the town and monastery of Murthillach, with five churches and the lands pertaining to them, the churches of Rane and Dauyoth with their pertinents, the church of Outeirlis with its pertinents, the church of Crudane with its pertinents, the church of Balhelwy with its pertinents, the church of Bras with its pertinents, the church of Dulmayok with its perti-

[1] The Don. [2] Cruives.

[3] These lands are evidently the same as Ardchelly, Petenderleyn and Ardonachyn granted to the support of the Hospital of S. Peter, and now forming part of the estate of Hilton.

[4] These lands are Sclaty in Newhills; Goval; Murcar; Tillygreig in Udny; Kinmundy, and Mameuley in New Machar. Petsprottis I have not been able to identify.

[5] Probably in the parish of Dyce. [6] Pitfodels.

suis. ecclesiam de Dulmayok cum pertinentiis suis. ecclesiam de Banchery Dewynyk cum suis pertinentiis. terram de Elone quam magister Philippus tenuit. villam de Fethyner et ecclesiam cum suis pertinentiis. villam que fuit Bastiani presbyteri cum pertinentiis suis. villam que fuit Achelis secus Abirden. Preterea monachos sive canonicos in cathedrali ecclesia iuxta dispositionem tuam instituendi liberam auctoritate sedis apostolice habeas facultatem. Decernimus ergo vt nulli omnino hominum liceat supradictas personam ecclesiam temere perturbare aut eius possessiones auferre aut ablatas retinere minuere seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare. sed illibata omnia et integra conseruentur in eorum pro quorum gubernatione et sustentatione concessa sunt vsibus omnimodis profutura. Salve nimirum apostolice sedis auctoritate. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica secularisve persona hanc nostre constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temere venire temptauerit secundo tertiove commonita nisi presumptionem suam congrua satisfactione correxerit potestatis honorisque sui dignitate careat ream que se divino iudicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat et a sacratissimo corpore et sanguine dei et domini redemptoris nostri Jhesu Christi aliena fiat atque in extremo examine districte

nents, the church of Banchery Deuynyk with its pertinents, the land at Elone which Master Philip held, the town of Fethyner with the church and its pertinents, the town which belonged to Bastian the priest, with its pertinents, the town which belonged to Achelis near to Aberdeen. Furthermore, by the authority of the apostolic see, have thou the faculty of appointing monks or canons in thy cathedral church according to thy free disposition.

We therefore decree that it be absolutely unlawful to any man wantonly to disturb the aforesaid personage—and church—or to carry off his possessions or to keep them if removed, or in any way to vex him with molestation; but all must be kept whole and inviolate for the future for every kind of use for the management and maintenance of which they were granted. They are absolutely safe by the authority of the apostolic see. If therefore, in time to come, any person, ecclesiastical or secular, shall knowingly attempt wantonly to contravene this charter of our constitution, when warned for the second or third time, unless he make suitable satisfaction for his presumption, let him lose his position of power and dignity, let him know that at the Divine tribunal he is arraigned of having committed an act of wickedness, let him be without the Most Holy Body and Blood of God and of the Lord

vltioni subiaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua iura seruantibus sit pax domini nostri Jhesu Christi quatenus et hic fructum bone actionis percipiant et apud districtum iudicem premia eterne pacis inueniant. Amen. Et sic finit cum caractere et subscriptionibus ipsius Pape et octo Cardinalium. Datum Sign. per manum Rolandi sancte Romane ecclesie presbyteri cardinalis et cancellarii iiij^to^ Ydus Augusti Indictione quinta Incarnationis Domini anno millesimo centesimo quinquagesimo septimo Pontificatus vero domini Adriani Pape quarti anno tertio.

II.[1]

Carta Regis Willelmi confirmantis donationes predicti Dauid Regis.

Willelmus dei gratia Rex Scottorum. Omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis. Salutem. Sciant presentes et futuri me dedisse concessisse et hac Carte mea confirmasse. deo et beate marie. et beato Machorio. et Matheo Episcopo Aberdonensi totam villam de veteri Aberdon. dimidiam aquam de North. Slaty. Goule.

JESUS CHRIST Our Redeemer, and in the last judgment let him fall beneath the outstretched hand of the Avenger. But to all in the same place who preserve their rights be the peace of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST so that they may partake of the fruit of their good work and receive their reward of eternal peace from the outstretched hand of the Judge. Amen.

And it ends thus with the seal and signatures of the Pope himself and of eight Cardinals. Given at Signia by the hand of Roland, Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church and Chancellor, the 10th of August, the 5th Indiction, in the year of the Incarnation of Our LORD 1157, *in the third year of the Pontificate of our lord Pope Adrian IV.*

II.

King William the Lion confirms the gifts of King David I. [1172-1199].

William by the grace of God King of Scots to all good men of his whole land churchmen and laymen, Greeting. Know all men present and to come, that I have given, granted and by this my present charter confirmed, to God and the blessed Mary, and Saint Machar, and Matthew, Bishop of Aberdeen, the whole town of Old Aberdon, the half of the North water, Slaty, Goule,

[1] *Registrum Episc. Aberd.*, i., p. 8.

Murcroft. Kynmonedy. Malmeulach. Schiram de Clat. Schiram de Tulynestyn. Schiram de Rane. Schiram de Dauyot cum pertinentiis et ecclesiis. decimam canum nauium que veniunt apud Aberden. decimam annone in eodem loco / decimam meam de redditibus de Aberden. decimam thanagiorum reddituum et escaetarum me contingentium infra vicecomitatum de Aberden et de Banff. Tenendas et habendas dicto episcopo et eius successoribus in puram et liberam elemosinam adeo libere et quiete sicut aliqua elemosina liberius et quietius tenetur et possidetur. Testibus Alano hostiario. Willelmo Comyne. Johanne Camerario. apud Forfar tricesimo die mensis Augusti.

III.[1]

Jacobus dei grã Rex Scotorum Omnibus &c. salt̃m Sciatis q pro singlari devoc̃oe quã gerim⁹ erga gloriosissimã ũginẽ mariã patronã ecc̃lie cathedralis Aberdoneñ in laudẽ ⁊ honorẽ eiusd̃ ac p spẽcali fauor̃ zelo et dilec̃oe quos habemus erga reuerend̃ in x̃po pr̃em Will̃m de Elphinstoñ eiusd̃ ecc̃lie cathe^lis modernũ ep̃m et prelatũ q̃siliariũ ñrm

Murcroft, Kynmonedy, Malmeulach, the parish of Clat, the parish of Tulynestyn, the parish of Rane, the parish of Dauyot, with churches and pertinents, the tenth of the customs of ships arriving at Aberdeen, the tenth of the fruits in the same place, the tenth of my rents of Aberdeen, the tenth of the thanage rents and escheats falling to me within the Sheriffdoms of Aberdeen and of Banff. Holding and having the said bishop and his successors in pure and free gift as freely and quietly as any other gift is freely and quietly held and possessed. Witnesses: Alan, doorkeeper; William Comyne; John, Chamberlain. At Forfar the thirteenth day of August.

III.

King James IV., inter alia, *creates the city of Old Aberdeen a free burgh of Barony. 26th December*, 1489.[2]

James, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all, etc., greeting. Know ye that, for the singular devotion that we bear towards the most glorious Virgin Mary, patron of the Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, in praise and honour of the same; and for the special favour, zeal and affection that we have towards the reverend father in Christ, William of Elphinston, now bishop and prelate

[1] From copy of Charter in Aberdeen Town House Charter Room: A[1], 36[2].

[2] Translation as given in *Charters and other Writs of the Burgh of Aberdeen*, p. 323.

intime dilectū et pro suis fideli et gratūito ꝯuicio magnisq; laboribus ac q^a pluribus expens̄ et in ꝑtē recompensaꝯois earūd diuꝯ tp̄ibus in legacionib; et ambassiatę ad francie ⁊ anglie Reges ⁊ Regna burgundie ⁊ austrie ducē ac ad partes alias necnon in nr̄o ꝯuicio infra nr̄m Regnū ꝑ Repu^ca ⁊ tranquillitate eiusd Approbaīm⁹ ratificaīm⁹ et cū aūisamēto nr̄i ꝗsilii de noūo dedim⁹ ꝗcessim⁹ mortificaīmus ⁊ ꝗfirmaīm⁹ et hac pñti carta nr̄a approbam⁹ ratificam⁹ dam⁹ ꝗcedim⁹ et ꝑ nobis et successorib; nr̄is mortificam⁹ et ad manū mortuā ꝑ ꝑpetuo ꝗfirmam⁹ omēs ⁊ singłas donacōes ꝗcessiones fundacōes ⁊ infeodationes ꝑ predecessores aut ꝑgenitores nr̄os inclitissimos siue alios d̄nos aut barones vel quascumq; alias ꝑsonas sp̄uales a^t temporales āte ꝗfecc̄oem pñtis carte nr̄e factas ep̄is et p̄latę ac ecc̄ie cathe^li aberdoneñ de quibuscū; ꝯrę ānuis redditib; molend̄is piscacōib; liberę forestę ⁊ warēnis ecc̄tis capellaniis ⁊ possessionib; quibuscū; datę vnitis aut mortificatę eid ecc̄ie cathe^li aberdoneñ seu infra eand ꝑ aniꝯsariis seu aꝯs quoūismodo cū omib; ꝯūilegiis imunitatib; libertatibus et comoditatibus quibuscū; ad hmoi spectañ seu qualiꝯcū; spectar̄ valeñ in futur̄ ꝑ ipm reūerend in x̄po prem suosq; successores ep̄os

of the said Cathedral Church, our much beloved councillor; and for all his faithful and gratuitous service, and great labours and heavy expenses (and in part repayment thereof) incurred at divers times in missions and embassies to the kings and kingdoms of France and England, the dukes of Burgundy and Austria, and to other foreign parts, and in our service within our kingdom on behalf of the commonwealth and the peace thereof; We have approved, ratified, and, with consent of our council, of new given, granted, mortified and confirmed, and by this our present charter do approve, ratify, give, grant, and for us and our successors mortify, and for ever confirm in mortmain, all and sundry gifts, grants, foundations and infeftments made by our most renowned predecessors or ancestors, or by other lords or barons, or by any other persons whatsoever, spiritual or temporal, before the expeding of our present charter, to the bishops and prelates and Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, of lands, annual rents, mills, free fishings, forests and warrens, churches, chaplainries, and possessions whatsoever, given, united or mortified to the said Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, or within the same, for anniversaries or other purposes, with all privileges, immunities, liberties, and conveniences whatsoever, belonging or that may in any way belong in future thereto: to be held, possessed and had by the said reverend father in Christ, of us and our suc-

aberdoneñ tenend possedend ⁊ habend de nobis et successoꝫ nr̃is ī purā ⁊ ꝑpetuā elimosinā adeo libe ⁊ quiete in omibus et ꝑ omia sicut carte ⁊ euidēcie inde qfecte et preseñ nostr̃ donaᵒ ⁊ mortificaᵒ in se ꝑportant et testantur Concessimꝰ q ⁊ tenor̃ pñte carte nr̃e qcedimꝰ q Ruptores ⁊ violatores dictarꝫ imunitatū capiātur ī nr̃is idictamēte ꝑ ctīcos nr̃e Justiciarie et crimē ꝑ illos inde comiss̃ ꝑ pñcto nr̃i dictam̃is in future reputetur et dicti delinquētes ꝑ eod ad mortē puniētur Aceciā dedimꝰ et qcessimꝰ ⁊ hac pñti carta nr̃a damꝰ et concedimꝰ predicto reuerendo pr̃i suisq successoꝫ ac capitulo et cañoice dicte ecctie cathelis aberdoneñ nūc pñtibꝫ ⁊ future plenariū ꝑuilegiū libertatē et ꝑtatem quecūꝫ victualia vina aut alias mcãcias infra portū nr̃m de aberdene seu extra eund apportat̃ a quibuscūꝫ nr̃is ligeis seu extraneis aliorꝫ regnorꝫ illuc adueniētibus ꝑ eorꝫ oportūis vtilitatibꝫ et ab ipsorꝫ ⁊ suorꝫ dōiciliorꝫ sustentacōes honestas emēdi Et dict victualia vina seu mcancias iterū mce vendēdi at desup quoūismodo mcandiꝫandi ꝑut tempibus retroacte inūiolabilitꝰ obꝑuatū fuit Ac insup q nobis nr̃oq qsilio ꝑ antiqua nr̃a Registra ⁊ aꝫs euidentꝰ luculentꝰ q qstat quōd serenissimū ꝑdecessorē nr̃m Dauid

cessors, in pure and perpetual alms, as freely and quietly, in all and through all, as the charters and evidents thereon expede, and our present gift and mortification in themselves set forth and testify. And we have granted, and by the tenor of our present charter do grant, that transgressors and violators of the said immunities be taken on our indictments by our justice clerks, and the crime so committed by them be henceforth held as a ground of indictment; and the said delinquents be punished therefor even to death. And also we have given and granted, and by this our present charter do give and grant, to the foresaid reverend father and his successors, and to the chapter and canons of the said Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, for the time being and to come, full privilege, liberty and power to buy all sorts of victuals, wines and other merchandise brought within the port of Aberdeen, or outwith the same, by our lieges whatsoever, or by strangers from other kingdoms coming thither for their own profit and for the honourable support of themselves and their households; and to sell again the said victuals, wines or merchandise; or to traffic therewith in any way, as in times past has been inviolably observed. And moreover, whereas by our ancient records and otherwise it is fully and clearly evident to us and to our Council that our umquhile most serene predecessor David, King of Scots, of glorious memory, did infeft the

Scotorꝝ regem gloriosissimū infeodasse canoniā de Aberdone cū ptinen vulgaritꝯ nūcupat le ald aberdone in sedē epalē ⁊ ciuitatē imppe^m cū omibus juribꝫ libertatibꝫ et ꝑuilegijs ad cītatē spectañ Ipamqꝫ canoniā reputamꝯ et declaramꝯ sic infeodatā esse ⁊ fuisse et eand eciā de nouo infeodaimꝯ cū ōibus juribꝫ libertābꝫ et ꝑuilegijs ad ciuitatē spectañ ut pmittitur et adeo libere sicut aliqua ciuitas infra regnū nr̄m infeodatur aut possidetur Et pro maiori firmitate ac clariori libertate ꝑdicte cītē et p vtilitate quiete ⁊ necessaria sustenta^ne ꝑfati reuendē in x̄po pris suorꝝq; successorꝝ ac capituli canonicorꝝ et capellanorꝝ dicte ecclie cathe^lis Aberdoneñ eorꝝq; ꝑsuitorꝝ et familiariū apud dict̄ ciuitatē ⁊ villā de le ald aberdone residenciū creauīꝯ et fecīꝯ et tenor̄ pñtꝝ carte nr̄e ꝑcamꝯ ⁊ facimꝯ ꝑdict̄ ciuitatē ⁊ villā de le ald aberdone in vnū merū ⁊ liberū burgū in baronia imppe^m Concessimꝯ eciā ⁊ q̄cedimꝯ inhitantibꝫ ꝑdict̄ cītatē villā ⁊ burgū et in postrū īhabita^rē plenariā pr̄atem̄ et liber^tem emēdj et vendendi in ipo burgo vina cerā panū laneū ⁊ lineū latū et strictū aliaq; m̄cimonia Ac hndj et tenēdj pistores brasiatores carnifices ⁊ tā carniū q; pisciū macellarios aliosqꝫ artiū oparios ad libꝯtatē burgi ī baronia qualit̄cūꝫ spectañ Necnō q̄cessimꝯ

Chanonry of Aberdeen with its pertinents, commonly called Ald Aberdon, as the See of a bishop and as a city for ever, with all rights, liberties and privileges belonging to a city: the said Chanonry we do acknowledge and declare to have been and to be so infeft; and the same also we have infeft of new with all rights, liberties and privileges belonging to a city as aforesaid, and as freely as any city within our kingdom is infeft and possessed. And for the greater security and ampler liberty of the foresaid city, and for the behoof, ease and necessary maintenance of the said reverend father and his successors, and of the chapter, canons and chaplains of the said Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, and their households and servants residing in the said city and town of Old Aberdeen, we have created and made, and by the tenor of our present charter do create and make the foresaid city and town of Ald Aberdon a true and free burgh in barony for ever. We have also granted and do grant to the inhabitants of the foresaid city, town and burgh, now and to come, full power and liberty to buy and sell within the said burgh, wines, wax, cloth, woollen and linen, broad and narrow, and other merchandise; and to have and to hold bakers, brewers, butchers and sellers of flesh and of fish, and other craftsmen in any way belonging to the freedom of a burgh in barony. As also we have granted and do grant to the foresaid reverend father and his

et concedī ꝑdicto Reuerendo pr̃i ⁊ suis successoribꝫ aberdoneñ ep̃is p̃tatē añuatī balliuos ꝑiādos et alios officiarios infra dict̃ cīt̃ē villā ⁊ burgū in baronia ꝑ regemiē eiusd̃ necessꝑios eligendj Et q̃ sint burgēses in eisd̃ et q̃ ħeant teneāt et possedeāt crucē et forū in ip̃is cītate villa ⁊ burgo ⁊ diē fori singłis ebdomidē in die lune et nūdinas pu^cas^ singłis ānis ippetuū vnā vĩꝫ in cena Dñi ante pascha vulgarit^9^ nūcupat̃ Skyr̃ thurisday Aliā vero in diē sancti luce ewangiliste et ꝑ octauas eiusd̃ cū ōibꝫ theolo^is^ liber^b^ꝫ et ꝑuilegijs ad ħmoi nūdinas ac ad cītatē et liberū burgū in baronia spectañ seu juste spectar̃ valeñ in futurū Tenend̃ ⁊ habend̃ omēs ⁊ singłas terras ānuos redditus molendina pisca^es^ liberas forestas ⁊ warēnas ecclias ⁊ capellanias et possessiones quascūq; eid̃ ecclie cathe^li^ aberdoneñ seu infra eand̃ ꝑ ānivsarijs seu ałs quouismodo cū omibus suis ꝑuilegijs īmunitatibꝫ liber^b^ꝫ et cōmodita^b^ꝫ quibuseūꝫ ꝑus vt ꝑmitti^r^ dat̃ vnit̃ a^t^ mortificat̃ et nūc ꝑ nos de nouo q̃cess appbat̃ ratificat̃ mortificat̃ et q̃firmat̃ cū alijs libertatibꝫ sup^r^sc^i^ptē et cū capella breuia deliberandi ꝑdicto reuerēdo pr̃i et suis successo^b^ꝫ ep̃is Aberdoneñ de nobis et successo^b^ꝫ nr̃is ī purā et ppetuā elimosinā ac ad manū mortuā imppe^m^ adeo liber̃

successors, bishops of Aberdeen, power to choose annually, in the said city, town and burgh in barony, baillies, sergeants and other officers necessary for the government thereof; and that there be burgesses therein, and that they have, hold and possess a cross and a market-place in the said city, town and burgh, and a weekly market-day on Monday, and public fairs every year for ever, viz., one on the day before Good Friday, commonly called Skyre Thursday, and the other on St. Luke the Evangelist's Day [18th October], and during eight days therefrom, with all tolls, liberties and privileges belonging, or that may in future rightly come to belong, to such fairs and free burgh in barony, and to a city and a university. To be held and had, all and sundry lands, annual rents, mills, free fishings, forests and warrens, churches and chaplainries, and possessions whatsoever, given, united or mortified to the said Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, or within the same, for anniversaries or other purposes, with all their privileges, immunities, liberties and conveniences whatsoever as aforesaid, and now by us of new ratified, mortified and confirmed, with other liberties above-written, and with a chancery for issuing brieves; by the foresaid reverend father and his successors, bishops of Aberdeen, of us and our successors, in pure and perpetual alms, and in mortmain for ever; as freely and quietly in all and through all as the charters and evidents thereon

et quiete ī omibus et p omia sicut carte ⁊ euidencie inde qfecte et pseñ nostr dona° et mortificatio vt pmissū est in se pleni° pportat et testantur Et adeo libere sicut aliqua elimosina cuicū; epo vel prelate aut sedi epali infra Regnū nrm datur qceditur infeodatur qfirmatur mortifica^r a^t possedetur aut dari qcedj infeodari qfirmari mortificari vel possedj poterit qualitcumq; in futuro Necnō tenend et habend predict cit^em et villā nūcupat le ald aberdone ppetuis future temporibus ī citatē ac merū et liberū burgū in baronia cū sup^rdicte puilegijs libertatibus ⁊ cōcessiōib; ac vniūs alijs liber^b; pficuis cōmoditatib; et asiamēte ac juste suis ptineñ quibuscū; tam nō nōiate q;^n nōiate ad ciuitatē et burgū ī baronia spectañ seu juste spectare valeñ in futurū Et adeo liber quiete plenarie integre hono^ce bn et in pace in omib; et p omia sicut aliqua citas aut aliquis burgus ī baronia in regno nro quibuscūq; tempibus retroacte liberius infeodatur seu tenetur sine aliqua reuo^ne aut qtradiccōe nrj aut successoro nro q°rūcūq; quouismodo sup pmiss faciēd in future Faciendo inde p ppetuo id reuerendus in xpo pater ⁊ successores sui ac canōicj et capitulū aberdoneñ p nobis ac pdecessō^b; et successoribus nris oronū suffragia deuotaro tm In cuius rei testimo^m pnti carte nre magnū sigillū nrm apponi pcepim° Testibus reuerende in xpo pribus Roberto epo Glasgueñ

expede, and our present gift and mortification as aforesaid do in themselves set forth and testify; and as freely as any alms is or can anywise in future be given, granted, infeft, confirmed, mortified to or possessed by any bishop, or prelate, or episcopal See within our kingdom. As also to be held and had the foresaid city and town called Ald Aberdon in all time to come as a city and as a true and free burgh in barony, with the foresaid privileges, liberties and grants, and with all other liberties, profits, advantages, easements and their just pertinents whatsoever, both not named and named, belonging, or that may in any way in future come justly to belong, to a city and a burgh in barony; and as freely, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably, well and in peace, in all and through all, as any city or burgh in barony within our kingdom in any times past was infeft or held, and without any revocation or challenge to be made by us or by our successors whatsoever in any way on the premises in time to come. Rendering therefor for ever the said reverend father in Christ and his successors, and the canons and chapter of Aberdeen, on behalf of us and our predecessors and successors, the offering of devout prayers alone. In witness whereof we have commanded our great seal to be appended to this our present charter.

Georgio epo Dunkeldeñ Willmo epo Aberdoneñ dilecte qsangneis nris Colino coite de Ergile dno Campbell ⁊ lorne cancellario nro Patricio coite de Boithvile dno Halys magro Hospicij nri Willmo comite de Eroll dno Hay qstario regni nri Johe dno Glāmys Johe dno Drūmond Justiciarijs nris Alexo Hume de eod magno camerario nro Andrea dno Gray Laurencio dno Oliphant Willmo dno sancti Johis thesaurario nro venerabli i xpo pre Johanne por monasterij nri sanctiandre nri secreti sigilli custode et dilectis clrice nris magris Alexo inglis archno sancti andre Ricardo murhede decano Glasgueñ rotulorum nrorum ⁊ registr ac qsilii clrico ⁊ Archido quhitlaw subdecano Glasgueñ secretario nro Apd Edinburgh vicesimo sexto die mes Decembre Anno Dni jm iiijc lxxxixno Et Regni nri scdo

IV.

Carta priueligiorum ciuitatis Abirdonensis.[1]

Jacobus dei gratia rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus totius

Witnesses: The reverend father in Christ, Robert, bishop of Glasgow; George, bishop of Dunkeld; William, bishop of Aberdeen; our beloved cousins, Colin, Earl of Argyll; Lord Campbell and Lorne, our Chancellor; Patrick, Earl of Bothwell; Lord Hales, master of our household; William, Earl of Errol, Lord Hay, constable of our kingdom; John, Lord Glamis; John, Lord Drummond, our justiciars; Alexander Hume of that Ilk, our high chamberlain; Andrew, Lord Gray; Laurence, Lord Oliphant; William, Lord St. John, our Treasurer; the venerable father in Christ, John, Prior of our Monastery of St. Andrews, Keeper of our Privy Seal; and our beloved clerks, Masters Alexander Inglis, Archdeacon of St. Andrews; Richard Muirhead, Dean of Glasgow, clerk of our rolls, and register, and council; and Archibald Whitelaw, sub-Dean of Glasgow, our secretary. At Edinburgh, the twenty-sixth day of the month of September in the year of our Lord MCCCCLXXXIX., and of our reign the second.

IV.

James IV. confirms previous rights and privileges and of new creates Old Aberdeen a burgh of barony. 21*st August*, 1498.[2]

James by the Grace of God King of Scots to all our good subjects

[1] *Registrum Episc. Aberd.*, ii., p. 303. Copy in Town House Charter Room: A[1], 41.

[2] From a translation on parchment among the Records of Old Aberdeen, now in the Aberdeen Town House Charter Room.

terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem sciatis nos nunc ad nostram perfectam et legitimam aetatem viginti quinque annorum existentes post nostram generalem reuocationem de omnibus donationibus per nos nostraque in tenera etate datis et concessis factam nostri reduxisse memorie quod nobis nostroque consilio per antiqua nostra registra et alias evidenter luculenterque constat quondam sanctissimum predecessorem nostrum Dauid Scotorum regem gloriosissimum infeodasse villam de Abbirdone cum bondis et pertinenciis vulgariter nuncupatam Ald Abbirdoin in sedem episcopalem et ciuitatem imperpetuum cum omnibus iuribus libertatibus et priuilegiis ad ciuitatem spectantibus ipsamque villam reputamus et declaramus sic infeodatam esse et fuisse et eandem etiam de nouo nos nunc ad nostram perfectam etatem vt premittitur existentes in ciuitatem et vniuersitatem infeodamus et hac presente carta nostra infeodamus cum omnibus iuribus libertatibus et priuilegiis ad ciuitatem et vniuersitatem spectantibus et adeo libere ficut aliqua ciuitatas seu vniuersitas infra regnum nostrum infeodatur aut possidetur. et pro maiori firmitate ac clariori libertate predicte ciuitatis et vniuersitatis nec non pro speciali deuotione quam gerimus erga gloriosissimam virginem Mariam patronam ecclesie cathedralis Abirdonensis in laudem

alsweel civill as Ecclesiastick within the bounds of our Dominion Salutation. Be it known that we now having come to our ripe and perfect age of twentie five years, have reduced to our memorie, after our generall revocation of all donations given and granted by us in our tender age and that we have found both We and our Councill by our ancient registers and records evidently, that sometime our most royall Predecessor David most glorious King of Scots to have fewed and erected the Village of Aberdon with the bounds and pertinents commonly called Ald Aberdon in an Episcopall Seat and City for ever, with all rights liberties and priviledges belonging to a Citie. And Wee repute and declare the said Village to have been and to be so fewed and erected and Wee now of new again having come to our perfect age as is said before, Wee few and erect the same with all the rights liberties and priviledges belonging to a city and University, with alse great freedome and Libertie as any Citie or University within our Kingdom is infeft or possessed. And for the more Securetie and clearer libertie of the forsaid City and University, and also for the speciall devotion which we carry towards the most glorious Virgin Mary Patron of the Cathedrall Church of Aberdon in praise and honour of her, and for the singular favour zeal and love which we carrie

et honorem eiusdem et pro singularibus fauore zelo et dilectione quos habemus erga reuerendum in Christo patrem Willelmum de Elphinstoun eiusdem ecclesie cathedralis modernum episcopum et prelatum consiliarium nostrum intime dilectum nostri secreti sigilli custodem et pro suis fideli gratuito seruicio magnis laboribus et expensis diuersis temporibus nostris in legationibus et ambassiatis ad Francie et Anglie reges et regna Burgundie et Austrie duces aliosque magnates et partes exteras ac in nostro seruicio infra nostrum regnum pro republica et tranquilitate eiusdem diuersimodo factis ac etiam pro vtilitate quiete et necessaria sustentatione dicti reuerendi patris suorumque successorum capituli canonicorum capellanorum et suppositorum predicte ecclesie cathedralis ciuitatis et vniuersitatis Abbyrdonensis ac eorum familiarium et seruitorum ibidem residentium creamus facimus et infeodamus nunc de nouo vt prius et tentore presentis carte nostre creamus facimus et infeodamus predictam villam de Ald Abbirdone cum bondis et pertinentiis in ciuitatem et vniuersitatem ac in vnum merum et liberum burgum in baronia imperpetuum. Concessimus etiam per presentesque concedimus inhabitantibus easdem et imposterum inhabitaturis plenarium potestatem et libertatem emendi et vendendi in ipso burgo vina ceram

toward the reverend Father in Christ William Elphingston present Bishop and Prelate of the said Cathedrall Church our well beloved Counsellor, Keeper of our Privie Seall, and for his faithfull and willing service, freely undertaken, great travell and expences at diverse times in our employments and ambassadges to the Kings and Kingdomes of France and England to the Dukes of Burgundie and Austria and other Potentates and foreign parts and in our service within our Kingdome for the Common Wealth and tranquillity hereof diverse wayes by him accomplished: and also for the utilitie quiet and necessar sustentation of the said reverend Father and his successors Chapter Channones Chaplains and substitutes of the forsaid Cathedrall Church City and University of Aberdon and their domesticks and servitors their resideing, Wee have created made and fewed now of new as before, and be the tenor of this our present Charter, Wee create make and few the forsaid Village of Ald Aberdon with the bounds and pertinents in a City and University, and in a meer and free burgh of Barronie forever, Wee have granted likewise and by thir presents grant to those who inhabit, or in time comeing shall inhabit the same full power and libertie of buying and selling within the same Burgh, Wines wax cloath wollen and linnen broad and narrow and other Merchandise

pannum laneum et lineum latum et strictum aliaque mercimonia ac habendi et tenendi pistores brasiatores carnifices tam carnium quam piscium macellarios aliosque artium operarios ad libertatem burgi in baronia qualitercunque spectantes. necnon concessimus et concedimus vt in dicta ciuitate vniuersitate et burgo sint burgenses prepositus balliui seriandi et alii officiarii pro gubernatione earundem necessarii. et concedimus dicto reuerendo patri suisque successoribus Abbirdonensibus episcopis plenariam potestatem et libertatem annuatim predictum prepositum balliuos seriandos et alios officiarios necessarios eligendi constituendi et ordinandi ac ipsos in et ab eorum officiis quotiens expediens videbitur imponendi et remouendi. et quod habeant teneant et possideant crucem et forum in eodem et diem fori singulis ebdomadis in die lune. et nundinas publicas singulis annis imperpetuum vnam videlicet in Cena Domini ante Pascha vulgariter nuncupata Skeyrthurisday aliam vero in die Sancti Luce evangeliste et per octauas eorundem cum omnibus theloneis libertatibus et priuilegiis ad huiusmodi nundinas et liberum burgum in baronia et ad ciuitatem et vniuersitatem spectantibus seu iuste spectare valentibus quomodolibet infuturum. ac etiam dedimus et concessimus ac presenti carta nostra domus et concedimus

and of haveing and keeping bakers, brewers, fleshers and butchers alsewell of fleshes as of fishes and other craftsmen of trades whatever manner of way belonging to the Libertie of a Burgh of Barronie. And also Wee have granted and do grant that in the said Citie University and Burgh there may be Burgesses, Provest, Baillies Serjants and other Officers necessar for the government of the same; and Wee grant to the said Reverend Father and his Successors Bishops of Aberdon full power and libertie of chuseing appointing and ordaining yearly the said Provost Baillies, Sergeants and other necessar officers, and of inputting and removeing the saids persons to and from their respective offices as they shall find expedient, and that they shall have a cross and mercat place at the same and a mercat day every week on munday and publict faires every year for ever to witt one in the supper of the Lord before Pasch, commonly called Skier thursday's fair, another in the day of St. Luke the Evangelist through their whole eight dayes w^t all the emoluments liberties and priviledges belonging or which justly do belong to such faires and to a free Burgh of barronie and to a City and University all manner of way. As also We have given and granted and by this our present Charter Wee give and grant to the said reverend father and his successores and Chapter, Chan-

predicto reuerendo patri suisque successoribus ac capitulo canonicis capellanis et suppositis ecclesie cathedralis ciuitatis et vniuersitatis predicte nunc presentibus et futuris plenarium priuilegium libertatem et potestatem quecunque victualia vina aut alias mercantias infra portum nostrum de Abbirdeyn seu extra eundem deportatas a quibuscunque nostris legeis seu extraneis aliorum regnorum illuc venientibus pro eorem oportunis vtilitatibus ed ad ipsorum et suorum domiciliorum sustentationes honestas emendi et dicta victualia vina seu mercancias iterum minime vendendi aut desuper quouismodo marcandi pro vt temporibus retroactis inuiolabiliter obseruatur. Tenendam et habendam predictam villam de Ald Abbirdone cum bondis et pertinentiis in ciuitatem et vniuersitatem ac in merum et liberum burgum in baronia predicto reuerendo patri suisque successoribus capitulo canonicis capellanis et suppositis ac huiusmodi inhabitantibus et in posterum inhabitaturis in perpetuum cum supradictis priuilegiis libertatibus et concessionibus ac vniuersis aliis libertatibus proficius commoditabus asiamentis ac iustis suis pertinentiis quibuscunque tam non nominatis quam nominatis ad ciuitatem vniuersitatem et liberum burgum in baronia spectantibus

nones, Chaplaines and Substitutes of the Cathedral Church City and University forsd., now present and to come full priviledge libertie and power of buying all sort of victuals wines or other merchandise brought wtin our port of Aberdeen or wtout the same by any of our Liedges whatsomever or strangers of othr Kingdomes resorting thither for their own comodious utility for the honest sustentation of themselves and families, and of selling again the said victualls wines or merchandice, or by and attour of traficqueing and ploying the Merchand any manner of way as it has been in times bygone inviolablie observed of holding and possessing the forsd. Village of Ald Aberdon with the bounds and pertinents in a Citie and University, and in a meer and free burgh of Barronie to the said reverend Father and his Successors Chapter Channones Chaplains Substitutes and to such as inhabite or shall inhabite in time comeing for ever, with the forsaid priviledges liberties and gifts, and all other liberties, profites, commodities, easments whatsomever justly belonging thereunto alsewell nominat as unnominate appertaining or that may justly appertain any manner of way in time comeing to a Citie, Universitie and free burgh of Barronie, and alse freely, quietly, fullie, whollie, honourablie well and in peace in all and through all as any Citie University or Burgh of Barronie within our Kingdome in any time bygone hes been

seu iuste spectare valentibus quomodolibet in futurum et adeo libere quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene in pace in omnibus et per omnia sicuit aliqua ciuitas vniuersitas aut burgus in baronia infra regnum nostrum Scotie quibuscunque temporibus retroactis infeodatur seu tenetur. predicta nostra generali reuocatione aut aliis non obstantibus quibuscunque ac sine aliqua reuocatione et contradictione nostri et successorum nostrorum quorumcunque quouismodo super premissis faciendis in futurum. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precipimus. Testibus carissimo fratre nostro Jacobo Sancti Andree archiepiscopo duce Rossie etc. reuerendisque in Christo patribus Roberto archiepiscopo Glasguensi. predicto Willelmo episcopo Abbirdonensi. dilectissimisque consanguineis nostris Georgio comite de Hunthlye domino Badzenoth cancellario nostro. Archebaldo comite de Argylle domino Cambell et Lorne magistro hospicii nostri. Archibaldo comite Angusie domino Douglas. Patricio comite de Bothwell domino Haylis. Alexandro domino Hoome camerario nostro. Johanne domino Drummond iusticiario nostro. venerabilibus in Christo patribus Johanne priore Sancti Andree. Georgio abbate de Dunfermling. Henrico abbate de Cambuskynnoth. Roberto Londy de Ballgony milite thesaurario nostro. et dilectis clericis nostris magistris Richardo Muyrheid decano Glasguensi secretario nostro.

fewed and possessed, our forsaid generall revocation and others whatsomever nowwayes gainstanded, and without any revocation or contradiction of us or of our Successors whosomever to be made any manner of way in time comeing upon the premisses. In Testimony whereof Wee have commanded our Great Seal to be appended to this our present Charter, before Witnesses Our most dear Brother James Archbishop of St. Andrews Duke of Ross &c. the right reverend and reverend Fathers in Christ Robert Archbishop of Glasgow, the forsaid William Bishop of Aberdeen, our beloved Cousens George Earle of Huntley Lord Badenoch our Chancellour, Archibald Earle of Argile Lord Campbell and Lorn Master of our house, Archibald Earle of Angus Lord Douglass, Patrick Earle of Bothwell Lord Halls, Alexander Lord Hoom our Chamberlain, John Lord Drummond our Justice, Venerable Fathers in Christ John Prior of St. Andrews, George Abbot of Dunfermling, Henry Abbot of Cambuskenneth, Sir Robert Lundie of Balgonie Knight our Thesaurer, and our beloved Clerks, Masters Richard Muirhead Dean of Glasgow our Secretary, Robert Wales Archdean of St. Andrews, and Walter Drummond Dean

Roberto de Fontibus archidiacono Sancti Andree. et Waltero Drommunde decano Dumblanensi nostrorum rotulorum et registri ac consilii clerico. Apud Lythquho vicesimo primo die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonogesimo octauo et regni nostri vndecimo.

of Dunblane Clerk of our Rolls and Register and Councill, at Linlithgow the twentie first day of the Moneth of August the year of God one thousand foure hundred nyntie eight and the eleventh of our Reign.

V.

Act anent the consistorie of Abirdene, 1st November, 1597.[1]

Oure Souerane Lord and estaitis of this pñt parliament vndirstanding that the citye of the auld toun of abirdene hes bene of auld Erectit be his matiesteis predicessore and foundit in the tyme of bischop williame elphingstoun gryt chancellar of this realme for the tyme In ane ancient toun and Citye ffor the habitatioun and remaning of the bischopis seat College and Jurisdictiouñ of officialitie and cōmissary thairin and that be altera°un of the residence of the chānonis furth thairof The said Citie sen the alteratiouñ of the religiouñ hes thir diuers zeiris bygane had navther moyane nor support Bot be the Jurisdictiouñ of the cōmissariat and college haldin wtin the samī like as the cōmissaris of the said cōmissariat thair clerkis and memberis of court and the principall subprinll regente and remanēt mēberis of the said college hes evir bene in vse ꝯ costome To remane wtin the said citye of the auld toun of abirdene and to sit and hald the consistorie and college thrin In all tymes bigane sene the first erectiouñ thairof as priuilegis Immoniteis and vphaldis of the said citye and qrof it hes bene in possessiouñ and thairwt vphaldin now and in all tymes bigane: For preseruatiouñ of the qlk ancient Citye priuilegis ꝯ Immvniteis throf Oure said souerane Lord With auise of the three estaitis of this pñt parliāent Ratifeis appreceis and confirmis all And quhatsumevir Liberteis priuilegis fredomes ꝯ Immvniteis grantit of auld be his mateis ꝑgenitore to the said Citye of auld abirdene and Inhabitante throf and in speciall Annexis In and to the same citye of auld abirdene for the better vphald

[1] *Acts of Scots Parliament*, iv., 154.

th^r^of The foirsaidis liberteis and seattis of the consistorie and College foirsaid to be haldine w^t^in the samī In all tymes cūing Eftir the forme and tenno^r^ of the erectiouñ ꝛ fundatioun th^r^of and conforme to the auld vse ꝛ consuetude had thairin of the samī / lyk as his mat^ie^ / with auise foirsaid Statutis ꝛ ordanes be this pñt act That the seattis of the said cōmissariat and college foirsaid Sall sit hald and remane w^t^in the said Citye of auld abirdene In all tymes cumīg Siclyke and als frele In all thingis as the memberis of the said q̃sistorie ꝛ college hes bene in vse and custome in all tymes bigane w^t^out ony removing or transportatioun of the samī th^r^fra to the newtoun of abirdene or ony vther touñ or place w^t^in the diocie of abirdene And to this effect Ordanes the lordis of counsall and sessioun To grant and direct lr̃ez of horning heirapone at the desyre and instance of the p̣vest and bailleis of the said citye of auld abirdene Chargeing the cōmissare of abirdene pñt and [to] cum thair clerkis and memberis of court and the principall subprin^ll^ regentes m^r^ꝛ and memberis of the said college of abirdene pñt ꝛ to cum To sit hald and contenw the said consistoriall place and College foirsaid w^t^in the said Citye of auld abirdene and nawyis to remoue the samī consistorie or College th^r^fra to ony vther touñ or place w^t^in the saidis boundis vndir the pane of rebelliouñ ꝛ putting of thame to the horne and gif thay failzie to denunce the dissobeyeris his ma^ties^ rebellis ꝛ put thame thairto ꝛc.

VI.

An Ordinance for the better support of the Universities of Scotland, and encouragement of public preachers there, in which *inter alia* the Superiorities &c. of the Bishopric are conveyed to the Universities of Aberdeen, 8th August, 1654.[1]

His Highness the Lord Protector taking into consideration the great Advantage that may redound to the People of this Commonwealth, inhabiting in Scotland, That the Universities there should receive both Countenance and Encouragement, and be provided for with Competent Maintenance for the Members of the said Universities, for the better training up of Youth in Piety and good Literature; Doth ordain, and be it Ordained by his Highness by, and with the consent of his Council

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[1] *Acts of Scots Parliament*, vi., pt. ii., 831.

And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid that the Superiorities of the Lands belonging to the late Bishoprick of Aberdeen, that is to say, The Superiorities of the Lands of Aberdeen, formerly called the Barony of Aberdeen, of the Lands of Murthil, Fetterner, Clet, Tallienessel, Daviot, Reine, and Birse, all lying within the Sheriffedome of Aberdeen; As also the Lands of Fordice and Murtlawh, lying within the Sheriffedome of Banff, together with the Superiority of the Acres of Old-Aberdeen, and all other Lands, Tenements, Houses, with the Appurtenances formerly belonging to the said late Bishoprick of Aberdeen, the Few-Farms, Few-Duties, Kains, Customs, Casualties, Teinds, Parsonage and Vicarage, Teind-Duties, and all other Duties of the Lands, Churches and Parishes aforesaid; together with other Duties of the Church of Maucher and Nicholas, and of all other Kirks and Parishes which formerly belonged to the said Bishoprick; together with the Tenths of the Salmon-Fishing, and other Fishings upon the Waters of Dee and Don, or on the Sea, or any other places formerly belonging to the said Bishoprick, together with the whole Fruits, Teinds, Church-Rents, and other Duties any way belonging to the Temporality or Spirituality of the said Bishoprick be given, granted, doted and mortified to the said University of Aberdeen, the Principals, Professors, Regents and remanent members thereof, and their Successors for ever, in manner following, that is to say, To the College of Old Aberdeen Two parts in Three to be divided, And to the College of New-Aberdeen One Third part in Three to be divided, with power to the Principals, Professors, Regents, and Remanent Members of the said University according to their Proportion and Division, aforesaid, present and to come, and to their Successoris for ever, to receive Resignations, enter the Few-holders, Tenants, and all others formerly called Vassals, of the said Bishoprick Lands, and other the premises, by Charters of Resignation, Confirmation or otherwise to compound, transact and agree about the Fines and Compositions due for the same, and to receive and take up the same, And to do all and every other act and thing therein that any Superior or Over-Lord in Scotland may do to their Few-holders, Tenants, and all others commonly called Vassals, according to Law in such Cases.

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VII.

Ratification in favour's of the City and Vniversity of old Aberdein of their rights and priviledges, 20 May 1661.[1]

Our Soverane Lord with advice and consent of his Estates of Parliament Ratifies and approves the Charter made and granted be his Mãties wmwhile dearest foirgrandsr King James the fourt of worthy memorie of the date the tuentie one day of August 1498 Makand mention that the said wmwhile King James the fourt haveing come to his rype and perfyte age of tuentie fyve yeers, did reduce to his memorie after his generall revocation of all donations given and granted be him in his tender age And that he fund evidently both himselff and his Councill by his antient registers and records That his most Royall predicessor David King of Scots, fewed and erected the toun of Aberdein with bounds and pertinents cõmonlie called old Aberdein in ane Episcopall Seat and Citie for ever with all rights liberties and priveledges belonging to a City, and declared the said toun to have been and to be so fewed and erected And his Mãties said wmqtt dearest forgrandsr haveing come to his perfyte age as said is, of new agane fewed and erected the same in ane City and Vniversity with all the rights priveledges and pertinents belonging vnto a City and Vniversity With als great freedome and libertie as any City or Vniversity within this Kingdome is infeft or possest And for the more sure and cleir libertie of the forsaid City and University and other causes exprest in the said Charter His Mãties said wmqtt dearest foregrandsr Creat made and fewed the forsaid toun of old Aberdein with the bounds and pertinents in a City and Vniversity, and in a meir and free burgh of Barronie for ever And lykewise granted to these who did inhabite or therafter should inhabite the same full power and libertie of buying and selling within the said burgh of wyne wax cloath woollen and lining broad and narrow and other merchandice And of haveing and keeping baikers brewers fleshers and boutchers alswell of fleshes as fishes and other craftsmen of trades whatsumever maner of way belonging to the libertie of ane burgh of barronie And als granted that in the said City vniversity and burgh ther may be Provest Baillies Seriands and other officers necesser for the Government of the same And granted to the Bishop of Aberdein for the tyme and his succes-

[1] *Acts of Scots Parliament*, vii., 214.

sors Bishops thairof full power and libertie of choiseing appointing and ordaineing yeerly the said Provest Baillies Seriands and other necessar officers, and of inputing and removeing the saids persons how oft so ever they should find expedient And that they should have ane Croce and mercat place in the same and a mercat day everie week on munday and publict fairs everie yeer for ever To wit one vpon the supper of the lord befor Pash commonly called skyrthursdayes fair Another vpon the day of St Luke the evangelist through ther whole eight dayes with all the emoluments liberties and priveledges belonging or which iustly doe belong to such fairs and to a frie burgh of barronie and to a City and vniversity all maner of way As also granted to the said Bishop of Aberdein and his successors and others mentioned in the said Charter full priveledge libertie and power of buying all sorts of victuall wynes or other merchandice brought within the Port of Aberdein or without the same be any of his Mãties leidges whatsomever, or strangers of other kingdomes resorteing thither for their oune cõmodious vtilitie both for the honest sustentations of themselffs and families and for selling agane the saidis victualls wynes or merchandice or by and attour of traffecting and ploying the merchant any maner of way as it hes been in tymes bygone inviolably observed of holding and possessing the forsaid toun of old Aberdein with the bounds and pertinents in a City and vniversity and in a meir and frie burgh of Barronie to the said Bischop of Aberdein and his successors and substituts and to such as inhabite or shall inhabite in tyme comeing for ever With the forsaids priveledges liberties and gifts and all other liberties proffeits Comodities and easments whatsomever iustly belonging thereto, alswell nominat as not nominat apperteaning or that iustly apperteane any manner of way in tyme comeing To be a City vniversity and frie burgh of barronie als freely quyetlie fullie honourablie well and in peace in all and through all As any City vniversitie or burgh of Barronie within this Kingdome in any tyme bygone hes been fewed and possest As in the said Charter at mair lenth is contained In all and sindrie heids articles clauses conditions and circumstances contained in the Same And declares this pñt Ratification to be of als great availl force strenth and effect as if the said Charter wer at lenth word by word insert and ingrost heirintill Whairwith and with all other obiections defects and imperfections that may be proponed or alledged against the same Our said Soverane Lord with advice forsaid hes dispensed and be thir presents dispenses for ever.

VIII.

Act changing the mercat day in the old toun of Aberdein. 17th July 1662.[1]

The Kings Maiestie with advice and consent of his Estates of Parliament Have thoght fit vpon the desire of the Magistrats and others of the old toun of Aberdein, to change the mercat day of that toun from monday to thursday, And accordingly Appoints that in all time comeing, the weekly mercat of that toun Shall be keept on Thursday And Discharges the former mercat on the monday weekly.

IX.

Act appointing the Commissar Courts to be keept in the oldtoun of Aberdein. 17th July 1662.[2]

Forasmuch as the Seat of the Cōmissariot of Aberdein wes formerlie in the oldtoun of Aberdein,[3] Wher wes also the Seat of the Bishop of the diocie And that vpon the desire of the Magiatrats of the New toun of Aberdein before the late restitution of Bishops the Cōmissary Court wes removed and appointed to sit in the Newtoun; And it being most iust that the Seat of the Cōmissariot be wher it wes in former tymes befor these late troubles, and wher the Seat of the Bishop is Thairfor the Kings Maiestie with advice and consent of his Estates of Parliament Ordaines and Appoints, That the Cōmissar Court of the diocie of Aberdein shall be in all tymecomeing keept at the oldtoun of Aberdein And therfor Rescinds and annulls all orders or acts made to the contrarie And declares the same voyd in all tymecomeing.

X.

Act for changeing the mercat day in the Old toun of Aberdein. 5th September, 1662.[4]

The Estates of Parliament haveing heard a supplication presented

[1] *Acts of Scots Parliament*, vii., 385. [2] *Acts of Scots Parliament*, vii., 385.

[3] The Burgh of Aberdeen obtained an Act on 16th March, 1649, transferring the Commissary to the burgh, and as they considered No. VII. (page 21) revoked this privilege they obtained on 12th July, 1661, a confirmatory act, which was in turn rescinded by the above act of 17th July, 1662. The Commissary Court was ultimately transferred to Aberdeen by Act of Parliament, 22nd July, 1690.

[4] *Acts of Scots Parliament*, vii., 414.

vnto them in name of the Magistrats of Aberdein for themselffs and in behalff of the cōmunality of the said burgh Shewing that the burgh of Aberdein hes the priveledge of ane weekly mercat vpon frydday by diverse rights from his Maiesties royall predicessors ratified in Parliament Yet the old toun of Aberdein pretending the priveledge of ane weekly mercat to be holden vpon monday have of late changed the same to thursday Which is the day imediately preceiding the petitioners weekly mercat which is keept vpon frydday Wherby the petitioners and inhabitants of the burgh of Aberdeen are heavily preiudged, and all sorts of merchandice meall wheat oats and other grane comeing to their mercat are forstalled and regrated contrare to the lawes and acts of Parliament As also the old toun hes erected ane weigh house within the same Which as it is destructive to the burgh of Aberdein being ane burgh Royall and the old toun at most bot ane burgh of Barronie so is contrarie to the lawes and acts made in favours of the Royall Burrowes And therfor desireing that the said weekly mercat may be altered in the old toun and their weigh house discharged As the supplication bears Which being taken into consideration, The Kings Maiestie with advice of his Estates of Parliament Doe Appoint and Ordaine the weekly mercat of the old toun of Aberdein to be changed from Thursday to Tuisday in all tymecoming And remits the tryell of what concernes the weighhouse and weights to the Lords of his Mãties Privy Councill.

XI.

Act of the Privy Council in favour of the Town of Old Aberdeen. 24th March 1690.[1]

Anent a Petitione given into their Majesties High Commissioner and Lords of Privy Councill, Be the Magistrats and toune Councill of the old toune of Aberdeen, showing that ther said toune being ane ancient bishopps seatt and the seatt of ane University was by King David erected in ane burgh of Barronie and yr evidents being lost by the troubles of the tymes wer againe reneued by K. James the fourth with the same ample priviledges and freedomes as the burghes of St.

[1] *Council Register*, iv., 247. A similar Act of the Privy Council was passed on 9th July, 1691. *Council Register*, iv., 256.

Andrewes and Glasgow had before they wer mad burghes Royall and q^r^in the bishopes were superiors and hade the nameing of the Magistrats and wch power the Protestant bishopes of this place when by law established have from tyme to tyme hitherto exercised and albeit by the toune bookes it is evident that when bishopes were laid aseyde the Magistrates and Councill for the tyme did proceid to their yearly termes and accordingly have officiat yet the sds. petitioners humbly conceaved themselves not to be impowered and warranted so to doe at this tyme without the saids Lords' speciall warrand and order to them for that effect and without which they demurred to punish delinquents, take order with ryots, or to administrat justice in civill matters among their inhabitants, so that dayly disorders and confusiones encrease in the place, and no due obedience is given or expected, no not in matters binding to the comon securitie and peace and repressing of tumult, so long as the place was without Lawfull magistrats, and which makes some turbulent persones presume to committ the more insolencies; and seeing the Petitioners had not been, and God willing should not be, wanting on all occassiones to testifie their loyaltie to their present Majesties, and their affectione to the Protestant interest, and for their partes given obedience to their Majesties' and the said Lords' Acts and proclamations, and have sworne alledgance to their Majesties which the Sheriff-clerk of Aberdein his records and extracts yrof returned to the said Lords would instruct, and therefore humbly craving the said Lords to grant, order, and warrand to the Petitioners and such others of the toune of Old Aberdein (and their successors in these offices) who had taken the oath of alledgeance to their Majesties K. William and Q. Mary, to proceid and elect their Magistrats and Toune Councill, and to the severall trades to elect and choise their Deacones, and to keep and hold their toune Courts and conveen meitings in maner used and wont, and that for this ensewing year and yearly thereafter, at the usuall tymes, requiring and commanding all the inhabitants to give due obedience to the said Magistrates and Councill so elected in all their lawfull administrationes and acts, and, if the saids Lords should be pleased to authorise the Petitioners to administer the oathe of allegdeance to all such as shall be elected Magistrates, Councellors, and Deacones of trade, the Petitioners Doe hereby obleidge themselves to see the same effectually done, and to keep ane parlar register in their

toune bookes for that Effect in tyme coming, which they remitted to the saids Lords consideratione as the said Petitione bears. Their Majesties High Commissioner and Lords of Privy Councill haveing considered the above Petitione with a charter granted be King James the fourth in anno 1498 in favours of the old toune of Aberdein whereby power is granted to the bishope of Aberdein to nominat and appoynt the Provest, Baillies, and others of the said burgh with the Ratificatione thereof in Parliament 1661 with the report of the Lord Advocat finding that by the abolishing of prelacie the power of the nomination belonged to his Majestie, but in respect of the present circumstances of that Burgh of Barronie and that they have little or no common good, and that its necessary ther be some fitt persones appoynted for securing the peace of that place. He give his oppinion to the Council that some fitt persones and weel afected to the present Government should be nominat and appoynted by them to officiat as Magistrats this year untill his Majestie signifie his pleasure y^r^anent, Togither with the other report of the Master of Forbes and the Laird of Brodie, giveing y^r^ oppinion that Mr. George Fraser, Mr. James Keith, and Wm. Baxter be appoynted baillies of the said burgh of the old toune of Aberdein for this year to the effect mentioned in the above written petitione given in by the inhabitants of the said Burgh, and therefore the saids Lords doe approve of the saids reports, and doe hereby nominat and authorise the said Mr. George Fraser, Mr. James Keith, and Wm. Baxter, Baillies of the said Burgh for this year, to the effect that they may punish delinquents, take order with Ryots, and administer Justice in civell matters amongst the saids inhabitants, and for repressing of tumults, and doe all things belonging to the office of magistracie, and doe heirby appoint the said persones to take the oath of alledgeance in presence of the Shiref Depute of Aberdein, and to report the samen to the Clerks of Councill betwixt and the first day of May nixt.

XII.

[1] GEORGIUS DEI GRATIA Magnæ Britanniæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Rex fideique defensor OMNIBUS probis hominibus ad quos presentes literæ nostræ pervenerint Salutem QUEMADMODUM vetus urbs Abredoniæ per nostros Regios prædecessores in Burgum Baroniæ erecta fuit cujusquidem Episcopus erat Baro, potestatem habens annuatim nominandi Præpositum Ballivos Serjandos aliosque Officiarios necessarios, Secundum quam Episcopi ante abolitionem hujus ordinis in Scotia in usu fuerunt indulgere Magistratus et Concilium in eligendo suos Successores annuatim Semper per Episcopum approbandis, et ad suum beneplacitum alterandis. ET ULTERIUS per leges et acta parliamenti in Scotia nos jure coronæ in locum Archiepiscoporum, Episcoporum, Decanorum, et Capitulorum in Omnibus juribus Superioritatis, hæreditariis officiis aliisque devenien ET QUEMADMODUM Nos ulterius certiores facti, Quod a tempore nuperæ inhumanæ Rebellionis exortæ in Boreali parte Scotiæ in anno Millesimo Septingentesimo et decimo quinto, incolæ dict. nostri Burgi Baroniæ veteris Abredoniæ Magistratibus caruerunt, in

XII.

Act of Commission by King George I. in favour of the Magistrates of Old Aberdeen, 19th February, 1719.

George by the grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To all goodmen to whom these present letters may come Greeting Forasmuch as the Old Town of Aberdeen was by our royal predecessors erected a burgh of barony, whereof the Bishop was Baron, having power yearly of naming a Provost, Baillies, Sergeants and other officers needful, conform whereunto the Bishops, before the abolition of that order in Scotland, were in use to allow the Magistrates and Council to elect their own successors yearly, always to be approven or altered at the Bishop's pleasure. And further by the laws and acts of parliament in Scotland We by right of the Crown coming in place of archbishops, bishops, deans and chapters in all right of superiority and other hereditary offices, and forasmuch as We are certainly informed that in the time of the late unnatural rebellion which broke out in the north part of Scotland in the year One thousand seven hundred and fifteen, the inhabitants of our said burgh of barony of Old Aber-

[1] From the original among the records of Old Aberdeen.

eximium detrimentum dictis nostris Subditis: Nunc ad intentum ut ordo utilis infra hunc locum restituatur IGITUR Nominavimus et Constituimus Sicuti per præsentes nominamus et constituimus personas sequentes esse Ballivos, Conciliarios, decanorum conventorem, et artificum decanos viz: Davidem Forbes de Leslie Magistrum Joannem Ker linguæ græcæ in Accademia Regia professorem, Alexandrum Mollyson, et Joannem Robertson, mercatores, Ballivos esse; Joannem Greg, Alexandrum Taylor, Georgium Gordon, Gulielmum Hat, Alexandrum Joyner, Jacobum Clerk, Joannem Knight, Jacobum Hay, et Andream Dyce, mercatores, esse Conciliarios; Georgium Mackie decanorum conventorem; Et Jacobum Duthie vestiarium, Georgium Dollas calcearium, Gulielmum Smith seniorem fabrum ferrarium, et Joannem Ross Textorem esse artificum decanos. DANDO concedendo, et committendo illis potestates usuales et necessarias infra dictum burgi sicuti per priores Magistratus et Concilium dicti burgi gavisæ erant junctim vel separatim secundum eorum respectivis officiis, et fidei iis commiss. pro meliori Regimine dict. burgi; cum potestate illis, per Suffragiorum pluralitatem annuatim eligendi suos successores conss., et donec Nos hæredes et Successores nostri, dictam potestatem revocare, vel aliquam aliam directionem in hac re dare aptum videbimus.

deen wanted magistrates to the great hurt of our said subjects, and to the intent that good order may be re-established within this place Therefore We have nominate and constitute, as by these presents We nominate and constitute the following persons to be baillies, councillors, deacon, conveneer and deacons of trade, to wit, David Forbes of Leslie; Master John Ker, Professor of Greek in the King's College; Alexander Molysone and John Robertson, merchants to be baillies; John Greig, Alexander Taylor, George Gordon, William Hatt, Alexander Joyner, James Clerk, John Knight, James Hay and Andrew Dyce, merchants to be councillors; George Mackie, deacon-conveneer; James Dickie, tailor; George Dollas, shoemaker; William Smith, elder, smith, and John Ross, weaver to be deacons of trades Giving, granting and committing to them the usual and necessary powers within the said burgh as were enjoyed by the former magistrates and council of the said burgh, conjunctly and severally conform to their respective offices and trust committed to them for the better government of the said burgh, With power to them by majority of voices yearly to elect their own successors, aye and while We our heirs and successors see fit to revoke the forsaid power or give

Ac Etiam Reservan. Nobis nostrisq. prædict. potestatem alterandi et deponendi aliquem ex dict. Magistratibus vel concilio qui eligi poterint, Et vel alium in suo loco constituere, vel alium in ejus vicem eligi ordinare, ut nobis visum fuerit. IN CUJUS REI TESTIMONIUM præsentibus sigillum nostrum per Unionis Tractatum custodiend. Et in Scotia vice et loco Magni sigilli ejusdem intend. ordinatum appendi mandavimus. APUD Aulam nostram de St. James's decimo nono die mensis Februarii Anno domini Millesimo Septingentesimo decimo nono Regniq. nostri quinto.

Per Signaturam Manu S. D. N. Regis suprascript.

XIII.

[1] GEORGIUS Dei gratia Magnæ Britanniæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Rex fideique defensor. OMNIBUS probis hominibus ad quos præsentes Literæ nostræ pervenerint Salutem. QUANDOQUIDEM Civitas Veteris Abredoniæ in Burgum Baroniæ, per Regios nostros prædecessores Erecta fuit cujusquidem Episcopus erat Baro, potestatem habens Præpositum Balivos Serjandos aliosque Officiarios necessarios annuatim

any other direction in the said matter. As also reserving power to Us and our forsaids of altering or deposing any of the forsaid magistrates or Council who may be elected, and either to place another in his room, or to order another to be elected for him as We shall see fit. In witness whereof We have ordered our seal, appointed by the Treaty of Union to be used and kept in Scotland in place of the Great Seal, to be appended to these presents, at our palace of St. James, the nineteenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and nineteen years.

XIII.

Act of Commission by King George II. in favour of the Magistrates of Old Aberdeen, 13th December, 1729.

George by the grace of God, King of Great Britain France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To all good men to whom these present letters may come Greeting Seeing that the city of Old Aberdeen was by our royal predecessors erected in a burgh of barony, whereof the Bishop was Baron having power of naming yearly a Provost, Baillies Sergeants and other officers need-

[1] From the original among the records of Old Aberdeen.

Nominandi, Secundum quam, Episcopi ante abolitionem hujus ordinis in Scotia, in usu fuerunt Magistratos et Concilium in Electione suorum Successorum annuatim indulgere, per Episcopum perenne approbandos et ad suum beneplacitum mutandos ET ULTERIUS cum per leges et acta parliamenti in Scotia Nos jure Coronæ Archiepiscopum Episcoporum Decanorum et Capitulorum in omnibus juribus Superioritatis hæeditariis officiis aliisque, locum tenemus IGITUR Nominavimus et Constituimus Sicuti per præsentes Nominamus et Constituimus personas sequentes, Balivos, Conciliarios, Decanorum Conventorem et Artificum Decanos vizt Magistrum Alexandrum Fraser juris civilis in nostro Collegio professorem, Magistrum Joannem Gordon Clericum Commissariotus, Gulielmum Gordon de Govil et Andream Dyce mercatorem Balivos, Collonellum Joannem Midleton de Seaton, Magistrum Joannem Paton de Grandhom Rectorem et Magistrum Alexandrum Fraser dicti Collegii pro: Gymnasiarcham, Jacobum Grey juniorem, Alexandrum Aberdeen, Georgium Gordon, Alexandrum Irvine et Jacobum Panton mercatores et Patricium Duff de Premnay Conciliarios Georgium Mackie Decanorum Conventorem, et Petrum Christall Fabrum Lignarium, Joannem Mowat Fabrum Ferrarium, Jacobum Dickie Vestiarium Robertum Leslie Calcearium et Dunbar Textorem Artificum

ful, conform whereunto the Bishops, before the abolition of that order in Scotland, were in use to allow the Magistrates and Council to elect their own successors yearly, always to be approven or altered at the Bishop's pleasure. And further by the laws and acts of parliament in Scotland, We, by right of the Crown, coming in place of archbishops, bishops, deans and chapters in all right of superiority, and other hereditary offices. Therefore We have nominate and constitute, as by these presents We nominate and constitute the following persons to be ballies, councillors, deacon-convener and deacons of trade viz Master Alexander Fraser, Professor of Civil Law in our College; Master John Gordon, Commissary Clerk; William Gordon of Govil and Andrew Dyce merchant to be ballies; Colonel John Midleton of Seaton; Master John Paton of Grandhom, Rector, and Master Alexander Fraser, Professor in the said College; James Grey younger; Alexander Aberdeen; George Gordon; Alexander Irvine and James Panton, merchants, and Patrick Duff of Premnay councillors; George Mackie, deacon-conveneer, and Peter Christall, wright; John Mowat, smith; James Dickie, tailor; Robert Leslie, shoemaker, and Dunbar, weaver, deacons of trades. Giving, granting and

Decanos DANDO Concedendo et Committendo illis potestes usuales et necessarias infra dict. Burgum Sicuti per priores Magistratos et Concilium dicti Burgi gavisæ erant junctim et separatim Secundum eorum respectiva officia et fidei commissa pro meliore dicti Burgi regimine CUM POTESTATE illis per Suffragiorum pluralitatem suos Successores annuatim Eligendi, usque dum Nos, hæredes et successores nostri, dictam potestatem Revocare, vel aliquam aliam directionem in hac re, dare aptum videbimus AC ETIAM nobis nostrisque prædict. potestatem Reservan. aliquem ex dict. Magistratibus vel Concilio quibus Eligi contigerit alterandi et deponendi et vel alium in suum locum constituendi, vel alium in ejus vice Eligi Ordinandi, ut nobis visum fuerit, IN CUJUS REI TESTIMONIUM præsentibus Sigillum nostrum per unionis tractatum custodiendum et in Scotia vice et loco Magni Sigilli ejusdem utend. ordinat. appendi mandavimus APUD Aulam nostram de St. James's Decimo tertio die mensis Decembris Anno Domini Millesimo septingentesimo vigesimo nono Regnique nostri anno tertio.

Per Signaturam manu S: D: N: Regis suprascript.

committing to them the usual and necessary powers within the said burgh as were enjoyed by the former magistrates and Council of the said burgh, jointly and severally conform to their respective offices and trust committed to them for the better government of the said burgh. With power to them by majority of voices yearly to elect their own successors aye and while We, our heirs and successors, see fit to revoke the forsaid power or give any other direction in the said matter. As also reserving power to Us and our forsaids of altering or deposing any of the said magistrates or council who may be elected, and either to place another in his room, or to order another to be elected for him as We shall see fit. In witness whereof, We have ordered our seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be used and kept in Scotland in place of the Great Seal to be appended to these our presents. At our palace of St. James, the thirteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and twenty nine and of our reign the third year.

EXTRACTS FROM COUNCIL MINUTES.

At Abd. the tuentie nynt day of December in the yeir of god J^{m} xvj^{c} and tua yeiris in presens of Sir Thomas Gordoun of Cluny provost of Auld Abd.

The said day the haill consall and communitie of auld Abd. hes electit and chosin Sir Thomas Gordon of Cluny kny^{t} prouest of Auld Abd. and Mr Samuel Mackgill Alex^{r} Mutray and George Merser bailleis of Auld Abd. quha accept the saidis offices and gev the aithes de fideli administratione. I 2.

The Court of Auld Abd. haldin in the Consistorie place th^{r}off be the prouest and balleis of Auld Abd. the secund day of Ja^{r} 1603.

Followis the names off the Conscill for this yeir.

Mr Wm Barclay	Mr Tho Merser
Mr Samuell Macgill	Georg Gordon
Jon Gordon	Jon Torrie
Jon Georg	Georg Douglas
Duncan Barcar	Jon Barcar
Alex^{r} Mutry	Alex^{r} Lilie

The said day it is statuit and ordaint be the prouest and balleis that the pound of candill be sauld in this toun for four [d]

Item Ten kaikis to be bakin in the pect meill and contein xv vnce off guid weill bakin breid and ordanis Jon Torry and Thomas Ortoun to be visiters th^{r}off and ordanis tham w^{t} Thomas Ramsay George Gordon and the balleis to be cunstederis of the aill and to pas ilk thurisday throw the toun to that effect Item it is statuit that na darrer aill be sauld within this toun nor xvjd. the poynt and the beir for xviijd the poynt ilk persoun contrauenit to be vnlayit for xxs. I 1.

31 January 1603.

The said day the personis vnderwritten ar found to be insufficient ny^{t}bouris except thai sett sufficient cautioun actit in the townis buikis

that thai and ilk ane of tham sall keip guid ny^{t}bourhed within the toun vther wayes sic as setts nocht caution to be banisit the toun viz John Clark Alex^{r} Schand, Agnes Roull Margeret Mitchell Isobell Chalmer James Georg Robt Watson Wm Telzeorir Alex^{r} Chalmer Jonet Cabell Jon Tulloche Isobell Dauidson Guideon Smy^{t} Isobell Wobster Ad Herwy Meriorie Bannerman Andrew Reid Andrew Touch Robert Chalmer Margaret Dauidson Barbara Smy^{t} Robt Cutberd Margaret Clark. I 3.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that na darer draiff be sauld within this toun nor four d. ilk pect and q^{t}sumeuir person or personis happinis to sell the mastris of draiff to outlandis men the draiff to be confiscat and giff any person hes draiff and sellis it nocht for ane plack the pect to inlandis men gif thai refuse thai sall pay th^{r}for fourtie s. of vnlaw toties quoties. I 4.

8 March 1603.

The said day it is statuit and ordainet that the common mercat be haldin oulklie on monday according to the fundatioun And that the merchantes and craftismen cum to the cross w^{t} merchandice on the mercat day at sex houris in the morneing and to continow qll tuelf houris ilk persoun disobeyand vnder the paine of tuentie s. I 5.

8 July 1603.

The said day it is statut and ordainet that everie indweller in this towne sall bige vpe the bakdykis for outhalding of strangeris of this towne. I 5.

The said day Kathrein Mathowsoun Janet Lowrie Cristeaine Hay Janet Daesoun Jeanne Quhyt Janet Kaibell Mergaret Duncan Meriorie Smythe Jesobell Kelman Bessie Newaill ilk ane of them ar decernit in the vulaw of sex s viij d to be instantly poyndit th^{r}foir because thai sauld caikis darther than the statutis of the towne. I 7.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that everie caik baxter that is admitit sall baik sexteine vnce of breid in everie caik sic as they baik ilk persoun disobeyand vnder the paine of xl s. I 7.

24 January 1604.

The said day the bailyeis demitit th^{r} office of bailyiarie in maner and forme as is set down in the last court and desyrit the consall u^{t} the

new consall to be electit to elect and chuis vther bailyies for the yeir to cum qa be th^r voites electit and chusit Mr Alex^r Irveing Mr Robert Gardyne Berold Innes and Alex^r Lillie bailyies to the said court of michelmes nixt. And the said Mr Alex. Irveing Mr Robert Gardyne Berold Innes and Alex^r Lillie being pnt. acceptit the said office in and vpone them and gaif th^r aythes de fideli administratione and immediatlie efter thair acceptatioun constituit and creat Edvard Still and David Mudie officeris and Alex^r Thomesoune dempster vnto the tyme forsd. qa acceptit and gaif th^r aythes. I 9.

2 February 1604.

It is statuit that nein v^tin this towne by ather meill fisches eggis or ony vther kynd of varris vnto the tyme it remain the space of tua houris at the cross vnder the paine of fywe poundis at the least. It sall not be lesum to them to gange from their awin hous to by the sd. viveris except it be ather at the said cross or than offerit to them at th^r said houss. I 10.

Item it is statuit that all quart poynt chopein and muchkein stoupis be presentit the nixt court and the owneris th^rof to gif th^r aythes that they vse no vther in selling th^r drink nor beis presintit v^t certificatioun thai salbe brokin that receawis not the townes mark. I 11.

Item it is statuit that nein v^tin this towne sell drink efter nyne houris at evin nor be sein vagen vnder paine of ten merkis to be exactit toties quoties. I 11.

29 June 1604.

The said day Jon Guthrie college porter is convicted in amerciament of court for miscalling of Thomas Kempt be callin him theif knaif draving of ane sanger to him and th^rfoir the bailyes decernit him to pey xl s. I 17.

12 August 1604.

The said day it is statut be the bailyies w^t consent of the inhabitants of Auld Abd. that th^r salbe na stranger receawit in this towne w^tout leif of the bailyeis in respect of the pnt. plage of pestilence ilk persoun contravenand induring the tyme of the plage vnder the paine of the soume of ten li. and efter the plage that na stranger begger be

receavit nor ludgeit wtin this towne wtout accorde as said is ilk persoun disobeyand vnder the paine of xl s. I 18.

12 NOVEMBER 1604.

The said day the prouest and bailleis counsall and commvnitie of the citie of Auld Aberdein hes consentit all in ane voice to the submission betuixt Mr Thomas Gardin off Blairtoun and the citinaris of Auld Abd. anent the decisioun of the contrauersie of the loche And the haill Inhabitantis ar content that quhatsumeuer thing beis done in that mater that thay sall stand and abyde thairat as ane irreuocabill decreeit and in respect Sir Thomas Gordoune of Cluny knicht hes takin the burding vpone him for the forsaid inhabitantis of this citie Thay bind and faithfullie oblegis tham to relief him. I 22.

17 DECEMBER 1604.

The said day it is statute that na persone sall wesche fra the heid of the channell to the fute throf vnder the paine of fourtie s. I 23.

The said day it is ordaint that na darer milk be sauld nor xij d for ilk poynt and that nane be sauld outwith this bruch wnder the pain of xl s. I 23.

19 DECEMBER 1604.

The said day comperit judiciallie in pns. of the balleis Agnes Hay spous to Mr Williame Barclay aduocat and thair outwith the pns. of hir said spous of hir awin free motive will uncoactit or compellit qrvpoun sche gaue corporall aith renunceit quyteclamet and dischargeit hir lyfrent and coniunct fee off ane croft or rig of land lyand on the wast syd of the citie of Auld Aberdein of tuelff elnis of breid Betuixt the croft of the airis of vmqll Johne Gordone of Birsmoir at the southe the rig of Johne George smith at the northe the tenement and yeard of Mr Johne Chalmer at the eist and the Loche of Auld Aberdein at the west Togidder with thrie rigis or taillis adjacent thrto lyand on the west syd of the said Loche in the taillis betuixt the rigis of the aires of the said vmqll Johne Gordoune at the wast the rigis of the said Johne George at the eist The get that passis to the Hiltoun at the southe and the Landis of Cottoun at the northe In fauoris of the said John George his aires and assignaes quhatsumeuir With all richt titill of richt clame

entres and possessione qlk scho onywyse hes had or may pretend th^r^to renudceand all exceptioun of the law maid in fauoris of wemen speciallie senatus consulti velleam And im^lie^ th^r^efter compeirit the said Mr Williame Barclay and ratefeit and approveit the said renudceatioun and gaue his expres consent and assent th^r^to. I 24.

14 JANUARY 1605.

The said day Archebald Makgie is admittit watcheman of the toune for removeing of the stranger begaris th^r^off and to watche the toune on the nicht for vpsitteris and drinkeris on the samen And to dilait sic as he aprehendis walking or drinking on the nicht fra ten houris at even furth to the balleis And hes found Syr James Balfour off Petcullo knicht cautioner for his fidelitie and faithfull seruice in his said office and the said Archebald to releive him th^r^of. I 27.

The said day the balleis decernis and ordanis Duncan Barker to exhibet and produce befoir thame ane pair of hewit plaidis takin be him fra ane seruand of Johne Dauidsones in Auld Abd. four yeiris sensyne or th^r^by within fyftein dayis wnder the pain of law. I 27.

18 MARCH 1605.

The said day the balleis decernis and ordains ilk persone fewar fermorar and taxsman within the stent roll seit doune be the stenteris in Auld Aberdein anent the Loche of the samen to pay ilk ane for thair awin partis sic perticuler soumes of money as thay ar stentit to within the said roll, Within fyftein dayis wnder the paine of poinding And siclyk ordains the heretoris to reteine the tennentis th^r^of and thay to retein the fermes for thair releiff in thair awin hands ay and quhill thay be releuit alswell in the toune as colledge bounds (The induelleris within houssis and tenementis onlie being exceptit). I 28.

22 APRIL 1605.

The said day comperit Alex^r^ Schand as pro^c^ for Johne Clerk his father in law and grantit him to haue receaued compleit payment fra Williame Gareoche off his maillis of ane tenement ocupeit be the said Wm and perteining to the said Johne qll the feist of Witsonday nixt cuming exclusind And siclyk the said Alex^r^ settis the said tenement and yeard to the said Williame for ane yeir nixt and im^lie^ following the

feist of Witsonday forsd. And sall give fyve chreaves of streay to the said Wm for making the samen watter thigt Or then the said Wm sall do the samen with the first end of his maill for the qlk the said Williame sall pay sex merkis maill fourtie s. therof betuixt this and Midsymmer nixt and the vther fourtie s. betuixt that and Candlemes nixt therefter allanerlie for all vther thing that may be askit therfoir. I 29.

6 June 1605.

The said compeirit the maist pairt of the Counsal and commvnitie of Auld Aberdein and reponit Mr. Thomas Gairdin of Blairtoun in his auin place anent the bying of the Loche and grantis libertie to him to posses the samen in tymes cuming but interruptioun as his awin proper heretage with thair titill kyndnes and gudewill For the qlk the said Mr Thomas discharges be thir pntis. all byrun charges gevin apone letters of horning againis the Inhabitantis of the toun, Prouyding alwayis that gif the heretoris Inhabitantis and croftismen of the toune payis the soume of thrie hundreth merkis, betuixt this and the first day of Julii nixt In that case he sall sell the heretabill richt off the Loche conforme to the contract maid alreddie And in the mein tyme the loche to be hanit and ilk persones gudes to wit ilk beist that hapins to be found within the said to pay fourtie s. toties quoties to the said day And therefter gif the soume hapins not to be payit It salbe lesum to the said Mr Thomas to vse his letteris agains them conforme to the Lawis of this realme and but prejudice of the penaltie foirsaid sett doun vpone ilk beist. I 31.

The Colledge Court of Auld Abirdein haldin within the hall theroff the Nynt day of Junii 1605 yeiris be the principall sub-prin^{ll} M^{ris} and memberis of the said Colledge and Berrold Innes the ballie.

The said day the prin^{ll} foirsaid constitute Mr Ro^{t} Mitchell ballie of court quha gaue his aith de fideli administratione.

The said day anent the bill gevin in be Jon Sangster agains Helen Scott anent the feing of hir sister with the said Jon Comperit the defender and grantit the bill anent the feing of hir sister and away taking of hir agane In respect q^{r}of the ballie Ordanit hir sister to enter

hame to the said Johnes seruice or els to pay hir fie to wit four elnis plaiding four elnis hardin and ane pair of schone. I 33.

At Abd. the 13 of August 1605 In pns. of the balleis of Auld Abd. As also the Colledge Court.

Item it is statute that na browster givf any scholler ather meit or drink within this citie vnder the pain of losing sic as sho and gif they tak ony money therfoir fra the scholler the same salbe gevin bak agane And this act to be publisht as effeiris. I 36.

10 SEPTEMBER 1605.

College Court. The said day Dauid Skeddna younger confessit that he wes drinking efter ten houris at evin in Eduart Crukschankis hous In respect therof the balleis decernit him to pay ten merkis for transgressing of the act maid theranent. I 36.

30 DECEMBER 1605.

The said day it is statute and ordanit be the saids balleis with consent of the haill Inhabitantis of this toune that na yeoung man within this toune that hes not ane hous or rent of his awin play at cartis tabillis or dyss and that no man recept thame to that effect And give they salbe the recepteris of thame sall pay xl s. toties quoties And give the gudman of the hous playis wt thame they sall pay xl s. And the young men playeris sall pay xl s. toties quoties or els sit vpon the stuill of repentanis. I 38.

The said day it is statute be the balleis wt consent foirsd. that the haill croftismen within this toune salbe reddie to cum to menis awin houssis as thay ar requirit and work according to thair vocatione for meit and fee as vse is for day or half day Ilk croftisman dissobeyand without he be wirking tile ane vyr within the toun for the tyme for the first fault xl s. the second thrie lib. the third tinsall of the fredome within this toun And give the croftisman wirk and be not peyit the awner of the work sall incur the lyke pecuniall pain toties quoties. I 38.

The said day it is statute and ordanit that give ony birnebeirar beis found taking or beiring his nichtbouris peitis the persone found steilling or away taking salbe baneshit this citie and the challenger to be free. I 39.

26 JANUARY 1606.

The said day it is statuit and ordanit be the bailies that the haill Infantorie wtin this toune sick as Arthure alis Wa Auld Thomas Robertsone Robert Ortoun Alexr Herwie James and Alexr Raines sall cumpeir befoir the pulpet and sit doun on thair knies and ask first God the congrigatioun and thair fatheris forgievence and sick lyk it is statuit and ordainet that the fathers of the said Infantrie sall wtin ilk fyftein dayis delait thair bairnes lyffis and behaweor to the bailzes and giwe thay failzie ilk persone failzeand sall pay the sowme of fourtie s. toties quoties. I 40.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the bailzies that na persone ly in Thomas Ortouns bairne in tyme cuming vnder the paine of fourtie s. toties quoties becaus it is ane commoune resett of knawerie. I 41.

3 MARCH 1606.

The said day it is statut and ordainit be the bailzies that na stranger beger be resauit wtin this toun under the paine of deid and that for eschewing of the present plaige of pestilens and sic lyk it is statut and ordainet that the begeris wtin the towne sall compeir wtin the kirk at twa houris efter noune and resaue thair taikins and sick as compeiris nocht to be baniset the toune. I 41.

The said day it is statut and ordainet be the said prowest and bailzies wt consent of the haill inhabitantis of towne That the toune sall be dewyeit in four pairtis for allaying of the said plaige and quarter maisteris apointet therto and twa browsteris to be admitit in ewerie quarter alenarlie. I 41.

The said day it is statut and ordainet be the bailzies wt the consent of the haill Inhabitantis of this towne that ilk Indwaller wtin this toune sall big up thair bak dykis betuix this and thurisday at ewin nixt to cum ilk persone disobeyand to pay the sowme of ten pundis. I 42.

11 JULY 1606.

The said day Gilbert Clark Robert Cowie Patrik Protte Thomas Cuming and Margrat Duncane ar accuisit for the resetting fra Janet Samsone ane banist theiff woll suspect of the pest qlk sho brocht out of Straquhin and the said Thomas Cuming and Gilbert Clerk for recept of

begeris compeiret the forsaids personis and denyet the bill qlk the bailzeis referit to the tryell of the assyis following Thay ar to say Jon Hay James Thomsone Jhone George Jon Torrie Jon Barcar Thomas Ramsay Duncane Barcar Alex^r Aless Jon Wylie Wa Hendersone James Aless Androw Torrie Thomas Kemp Alex^r Barnet Robert Low and the said assyis efter thay were admitet and sworne be the mowth of Jon George chancelar conwictit Patrik Prote simp^l for the recepting of the said suspect woll and the said Robert Cowie siclyk for recept of the said Janet as also conwictes Thomas Cuming and Gilbert Clark for the recept of begeris in respect quhairof the bailzies decernit the forsaidis personis in amerciment of court and to pay ten pundis of unlaw for the saidis offences ilk ane of thame and for contraweining the said acts. I 43.

11 August 1606.

The said day Patrik Prot Alex^r Petimon and George Chalmer was decernit to pay and delyver to Mr Dauid Ruderfuird burges of Abd. ten s. for ane salmond fisch wranguslie mellit w^t be thame fra the said Mr Dauid his serwandis qlk thay grantit and be reson quhairof thay ar decernit to pay the samen w^tin fyftene dayis wnder the panes of poynding. I 45.

3 October 1606.

The Court of the bissoprik of Auld Abd. haldin Be the Ryt honorabill Alex^r Gordoun of Cluney.

The said day Patrik Pantoun being indytit as ane common cornesteiller w^t James Pantoun thy father commonlie thir dyweris yeiris bygain in taikin theroff you and thy father was chalinsit afoir the shereff of Abd. Item thow ar pntlie. chalingsit and tein w^t twa stollin scheip wnder sylence of neicht q^rwith thow ar pntlie takin and now lyand besyd the as thy fang siclyk thow ar indytit as ane commone theiff be oppin woice and commone fame comperit the said Patrik Pantoun and denyet the said ditta and allegit that the samen was stollin be his father qlk is fugitiw and referit him to the tryell of the said assyis quha being all admitit and sworne thay all in ane woice be the mouth of Jon Lyndsay chancelar conwict the said Patrik Pantone for the steiling of the said twa scheip w^t the said James Panton his father quha is fugitiw and absoluit him fra the remanent poyntis of ditta In respect quhairof

the bailzies decernit the said Patrik to be banisit furth of the north syd of the watter of Die and giff ewer he beis found in the boundis therefter to be hungit w^{t}out dome or law and the resetteris of him w^{t}in the juresdictioun of the said bailzerie sall pay ten merkis toties quoties. I 46.

18 November 1606.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the prowest and bailzeis of Auld Abd. w^{t} consent of the heall Inhabitantis therof that the heall Inhabitantis of this toune sall repair to the heall preichingis w^{t}in the kirk of Sanct Macher viz on ilk sonday twyis and ilk wednesday aines vnder the paines following viz the guidmane and guidwyff of the hous contrawenen sex s. aucht d. and ilk serwand twa s. I 47.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the prowest and bailzeis that the act anent the payment of the maister of sangschole his hous maill be put to dew executioun conforme to the stent row. I 49.

The court of Auld Abd. haldin w^{t}in the consistorie place of the samen the xvj day of Januar the yeir of God J^{m} sex hundreth and sewen yeiris be Mr Johne Leith and Berold Innes bailzies ane siclyk the court of the bissoprik haldin ther be Mr John Leith bailzie deput.

The said day the bailzie of the said bissoprik hes decernit the haill fewaris of the bissoprik of Abd. w^{t}in the baronies of Abd. Murthill Dauiot Clet Rain and Birs and Murthlac in amerciment of court for thair absens frome this court as the head court being oft tymes callit lauchfull tyme aday abidine and not compeirand and except the personis efter following quha war pnt. To wit

Mr Wa Fraser of Clintertie
Dauid Adie for Abd.
Paull Meinzes
Thomas Murray
James and Thomas Cassies
Jon Leith portioner of Bogholl
Wa Lorimer
Jon Leyth of Lwes
Alex^{r} Rutherfurd

In respect quhairof the bailze decernit ilk persone absent in the vnlaw of Twantie pundis. I 49.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the prowest and bailzies of Auld Abd. that ewerie persone wtin this towne sall remowe thair midingis aff of the gettis wtin aucht dayis wnder the paine of escheting of them. I. 49.

16 July 1607.

The said day compeiret Wa Lindsay maister of the sangschoil and comptat and rakint wt Sr James Balfour fier of Petcullo Maister Dauid Rait principall of the Kingis college of Auld Abd. and Maister Thomas Gairdyne of Blairtoun anent his steipand promeist be thame to him for serwing and teiching the sang scoill and begining of the salme in the kirk thir thre yeiris last bypast includand the feist of Martimes nixt to cum and grantit him compleitlie payit of the Colleg and kirk maisteris of Auld Abd. of all terms bypast To Mertimes nixt inclusive and restis onlie to be payit to him of the saidis haill thre yeiris dewaties be the said Sr James and Mr Thomas the sowme of Threttie nyne pund Threttein s. four d. by his hous maill. I 51.

20 November 1607.

The said day it is statut and ordainet be the bailzies that the baxteris wtin this towne sall giff sextein wnce of weill baikin breid for aucht d. and the candill makeris sall giwe the pound of candill for four s. I 53.

The said day Jon George is actit to mak ane compt of his office sen his intromissioun of commissionarie vpon the xxv day of Nouember instant and the haill craftismen to conwein that ilk day to that effect and to cheis ane commissionar amongis tham for the yeir to cum Ilk persone absent vnder the pain of fourtie s. I 54.

28 December 1607.

The said day Johne Torrie and Johne George ar decernit of thair awin proper confessione to pey and delyuer to Mr Jon Chalmer thesourar of Auld Abd. ten merkis to mend the cassis of the croftismen siluer collectit be thame as wissitoris to the croftis therof viz the said Jon Torrie sevine markis and the said Jon George xl s. to be payit wtin xv

dayis wnder the pains of poynding therof fywe markis qlk thai sould haue payit to the kirk and the vther half concerning the croftis. I 54.

8 April 1608.

The court of Auld Abd. and Bischopis bailzie court.

The said day the haill feuaris of the said bischoprick being callit this day to compeir and give suit and presence to this court as the heid court they compeirit nocht nor naine of theme except Gilbert Fraser for Sklattie Thomas Moutray for Clubisgowell James Cassie for Quhytstrypis Jon Leyt for Bogholl Paull Mengzes for Kynmondye Mr. William Fraser for Clintertie Jon Gordone for Tilligrig Jon Leyt for Louesk and his remenant lands Jon Leyt for Montgarie Alex^r Crukschank for Cottone Alex^r Andersone thesourar for Cabrastone In respect the haill absence was decernit and convict in amerciment of court and to pay ilk ane of theme for thair absence the sowme of xx lib. scottis moe. I 58.

18 April 1608.

The said day Issobell Jemsone borne at the kirk of Fourane Indyttit for the thiftious stealing fra William Lyndsay in Auld Abd. of ane sark and ane playid fra Cristian Cragheid comperit the said Issobell and denyit the dita and referit hir self to the said assayis [13 persons named] quha being admitit sworne and inclosit they all in ane voce be the mouthe of Alex^r Moutray thair chancler convictit the said Issobell in steiling of the said Wm Lyndsay his sark and in respeck therof the bailzie ordanet hir to be put to the cros and tirrit fra the vest vp and skurgit throw the Towne for hir offence and neuer to be fund w^tin the bischoprick of Abd. vnder the pain of deith. I 59.

10 May 1608.

The said day it is statut and ordanet be the bailzeis w^t consent of the inhabitents of Auld Abd and chanrie that quhatsumeuir persone or persones Injuris vtheris or blasfemis vtheris be vords or flyttis with vtheris the Injurer or flytter sall pey thrie punds toties quoties to the partie offendit by the vnlaw of the Towne. I 60.

7 June 1608.

The said day it is statut and ordanet be the bailzeis with the consent of the haill toun pnt. for the tyme that quhatsumeuer in-

habitent wtin this toun or chanry thair guidis happins to be found in the kirkyaird of Sanct Macher at ony tyme heirefter the owener of the beist outher hors meir or cow or ox is becume actit of his awin confessione to pey ten pundis or els the beist to be confiscat and this to be payit to the thasurar toties quoties and it salbe lesume to ony persone wtin this toune to apprehend or chalenis the beist. I 61.

1 July 1608.

The said day comperit Mr Patrik Guthrie ane of the regentis of the Kingis College of Auld Abd. and gave in ane bill of removing at his instance againes Williame Hendersone in Auld Abd. desyrand him to remowe furth and fra ane rig of land perteneng heretablie to the said Mr Patrik Lyand on the eist syd of the citie of Auld Abd. comperit the said Mr Patrik and producit ane varneing deulie execute to this day againes the said William togidder with his seasing of the saidis landis for instructing therof anent the qlk he being laufullie warnet to this day be Dauid Mudie officer qron he gave his ayt and being oft tymes callit and not compeirand lautfull tyme aday abiddin In respect therof the bailzeis decernit the said Wm to flit red and remove himself wyif and bairnes furth and fra the said rig to the effect the said Mr Patrik myt enter therto pesablie but ony deid of wrong according to justice. I 63.

11 August 1608.

The said day anent the bill of compleint giwin in be William Maxuall in Auld Abd. aganes Thomas Vatson in Murcur for the bluid drawng of the said William be casting of ane kebok of cheis at him to the gryt effussione of his bluid comperit the said Thomas and denyit the bill qlk wes clerilie prowin be sufficient probatione of famous witnesses In respeck therof the baillie decernit the said Thomas in amerciament of court and to pey the sowme of . I 66.

11 October 1608.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the bailleis wt the consent of the inhabitentis of Auld Abd. for the mast pt that all middingis wpone the calses and gettis of this towne be removit wtin fourtie aucht horis and to begin therto the morne ilk persone dissobeyand wnder the pain of 4 lib. or els the midding to be eschetit. I 68.

14 October 1608.

The said day the wissitoris of the croftis is ordanit be the bailleis to gif in thair compts befoir tham betuixt this and this day aucht dayis vnder the pain of xx lib. I 69.

26 November 1608.

The said day James Pantone in Perslie Alex^{r} and Patrik Pantones in Auld Abd. his sones ye ar indytit for the thiftious steilling of ane yow fra Alex^{r} Merschall qlk ye can not deney Item ye are indytit for the thiftious steilling and away takin fra Johne Clark cordoner tuelff threwis aittis furth of the taills of Auld Abd. qlk ye can not deney Item ye ar indeytit for the thiftious steilling fra Patrik Gordone at Gordonesmyill of tua yowis qlk ye can not deney Item ye ar indytit for the thiftious steilling and away takin out of the byir of Peterstone of tua yowis perteneng to Charlis Robertsone and the wther fra James Eleis for the qlk thow the said James was fugitiwe and the said Patrik conuict therfoir qlk ye can not deney as also the said Alex^{r} Pantone was airt and pt. with the said James and Patrik and specialie actiw as the said James thai father hes confessit this day in pns. of sindrie famous witnesses qlk thow can not deney Item siclyik thow the said Alex^{r} Pantone is indytit for the thiftious steilling of ten threwis of grytt aittis qlk grew on the landis of Piterstone occupet be William Lyndsay qlk cornes throw threith and sauld to Johne Birs qlk thow can not deney Item thow the said Alex^{r} is indytit for the thiftious steilling fra Johne Torrie of sex peckis beir qlk thow caussit James Torre his sone bring it to the maisteris yaird and wondoutit in tyme of preiching qlk thow can not deney Item thow the said Patrik is indytit that thow being seruand to James Myill in Auld Abd. the said James hawing lend to Thomas Ortone his nichtbour ane stouk of stray thow maist thiftiouslie pat in w^{t}in the windluigis qlk thow maid the said James threschin beir on vndouit tua peckis of beir or therby q^{r}uith thow was callengit be the said James wyiff qlk thow can not deney Item the all thrie commone theiffis ar indytit for the thiftious steilling fra James Barcar present beidman in Auld Abd. of ane yow and ane lamb qlk ye can not deney Item thow the said James Pantone is indeytit for braking of Mr Alex^{r} Cheynes brewhous and steilling of the creuikine qlk thow can not deney Item thow the saidis Alex^{r} and Patrik ar indeytit for the thiftious steilling

furth of Mr George Seytone chancleris his ludging in Auld Abd. of thrie pair of new blankatis half ane boll of quhyt meill ane mart of biuff furth of his flesch falt twa stane of butter ane pair of new schoin twa pair of hois w^{t} certane wther geir qlk ye can not deney Item ye all thrie ar indeytit as commone notorious theiffis sa reput and haldin be opin woce and commone fame Compirit the said James and Patrik Pantones and confessit the first four poyntis of the dita aboue spec^{tt} and denyit the rest and the said Alex^{r} Panton denyit the haill poyntis of dita aboue spec^{t} qlk was remitit to the assyis forsaid quha being admitit and sworne the maist pt. of the said assis in ane woce be the mouth of Johne Chalmer chancler conwictis the said James and Patrik Pantones in the four first poyntis of dita of thair awin confessione and siclyk conuictis the said Alex^{r} Panton for stelling of thrie threwis corne furth of Pitterston and stelling of the geir furth of the chancleris hous contenit in the dita and obsoluis the said Alex^{r} of the rest of the haill dita and in respect therof the ballie ordanit the sds. James and Patrik Pantones to be hangit on the galhous q^{ll} thai be deid and siclyik the said Alex^{r} Panton to be skurgit nakit throw this towns and therefter to be baneschit perpetualie furth of the north partes of Scotland and neuer to cum in this syid of the watter of Forth and if ever he hapins to be aprehendit w^{t}in the boundis of the north of Scotland therefter he to be hangit but dome or law. I 69.

22 May 1609.

The said day the wissitoris of the croftis to witt William Kelman Johne George Alex^{r} Paull James Thomsone Robert Law Johne Wylie Patrik and William Barnets and James Myill ar ordanit to be warnit personaly to compeir wpone the tuentie thrie day of Maii inst efter the prayeris to gif wpe the compt of sic siluer as is w^{t}in thair handis concerning the croftis ilk ane for thair awin proces ilk persone dissobeyand and wnder the pain of ten lib. I 74.

The Court of Auld Abd. haldin w^{t}in the Bischops palace of Auld Abd. 31st May 1609 in pns. of Alexander Gordone of Cluny prouest of Auld Abd. and ballie of the bischoprick therof and remanent balleis of Auld Abd.

The said day comperit judicalie ane reuerend father in god Pitter

Bischope of Abd. and producit ane lybill sumonds dewlie execute to this day at his just au^{t} aganes the persones eftir following makand mentione that q^{r} he is bischope of Abd. laule concecrat hes obtenit ane decret in this pnt. at his instance aganes the persones efter following ilk ane for thair awin proces allegit fewaris w^{t}in the said Bischoprik of Abd. decerning tham and ilk ane of tham to enter w^{t} the said reuerend father and tak the fewis of thair landis halden of him as thair vndoutit superior and to pay at thair entrie the quadrubill of thair few dewtie conforme to the act of parliament maid theranent In respect thai enterit not w^{t}in yeir and day efter thai war lautfullie citat to haue enterit and to haue peyit the dowbill of thair dewites at thair entrie lykas the decret obtenit theranent of the dait at Abd. the day of the yeir of god 1607 yeiris at mair leynt is contenit and albeit it be of trenchand weretie that be wertew of the said decret the persones efter followng was lautfully chargit to haue enterit and to haue peyit the quadrabill of thair dewiteis as said is yit thai haue continualie dissobeyit the said charge and sua be ressone therof and for non peyment of thair yeirlie few deuteis thair haill landis ar fallin in non entrie and the said reuerand father aucht and sould haue the propertie of thair landis w^{t}in the bischoprik of Abd. appropriate to him selff and his successoris als weill as the superiorite and thai and ilk ane of tham aucht and sould be decernit to pay to the said reuerend father the hiest maillis fermes and dewiteis of the landis efter spec^{tt} as thai pay pntlie. to allegit fewaris and pnt. possessoris of the landis subsequent that is to say Elspet Gordone in Auld Abd. and George Clark hir sone pn^{t} occupearis of tua tenementis of land w^{t} ane rig perteneng to wmqll Alex^{r} Craufurd lyand on the eist syid of the citie of Auld Abd. the maill and ferme therof will extend yeirlie to xx merkis maill and four bollis beir thir aucht yeiris last bypast Adame Beuerlay ther allegit fewar and occupear of tua tenementis of land lyand on the eist syid of the citie of Auld Abd. the maill extending yeirlie to xx lib thir aucht yeiris bygane Alex^{r} Barnet and Jon Ray burges of Abd. pnt. occupearis equalie betuixt thame of ane wther tenement of land on the eist syid of the said citie the yearlie maill therof extendis to tuentie merkis thir aucht yearis bypast Johne Cheyne pnet. fewar of ane tenement of land w^{t} tua riggis or croftis perteneng therto the yeirlie dewitie therof extending to xx lib maill and aucht bollis beir thir aucht yeiris last bypast Alex^{r} Donaldsone burges of Abd. pne^{t}. occupear of ane tenement

of land w^{t} ane rig perteneing therto on the eist syid of the said citie the yeirlie maill therof extendis yeirlie to xx markis maill and four bollis beir thir aucht yeiris bypast Alex^{r} Wadie pnet. occupear of ane tenement of land extending to xx merkis maill yeirlie thir aucht yeiris last bypast James Thomsone pne^{t}. occupear of ane tenement of land the yeirlie maill q^{r}of thir aucht yeiris last bypast extendis to xx merkis maill Androw Gordone occupear of tua tenementis of land lyand on the west syid of the said citie the yeirlie maill therof thir aucht yeiris last bypast extending to xx merkis James Aleis flescher for his occupatione of ane wther tenement of land lyand on the west syid of the said citie extending yeirlie in maill thir aucht yeiris bygane to xx merkis Issobell Emslie and Jon Torre hir spous occupearis of tua tenementis of land on the west syid of the said citie the yeirlie maill therof extendis to xx lib thir aucht yeiris bygane Thomas Ortone occupear of ane tenement of land the maill therof extendis yeirlie thir aucht yeiris last bypast to aucht lib. Marrione Lowrie and Mr Alex^{r} Cheyn hir spous pnet. occupearis of ane tenement of land on the vest syid of the said citie the maill therof thir aucht yeiris last bypast extendis to ten lib. Jon Touch burges of Abd. for him selff and as tuter to the bairnes of wmqll. Gilb^{t} Rob occupearis of tua tenements of land at the riggis and taillis adjacent therto lyand on the west syid of the said citie the yeirlie maill therof extendis to xx merkis maill and aucht bollis beir thir aucht yeiris bypast Eduart Crukshank occupear of ane tenement of land the maill therof extendis yeirlie thir aucht yeiris bypast to viij lib. Johne Clark occupear of ane wther tenement of land w^{t}in the said citie the maill therof extendis yeirlie to viij lib thir aucht yeiris bypast lyikas in the said lybill sumondis at mair leynt is contenit and conforme therto the said bischope desyrit proces and decret wpone the dewites contenit in the said lybill aganies the persones supramentionat ilk ane for thir awin proces qlk being callit comperit Alex^{r} Wadie Johne Cheyne Johne Touch Marione Lowrie and Mr Alex^{r} Cheyne Androw Gordone Alex^{r} Donaldsone James Eleis Jo^{n} Ray Elspet Gordone and George Clark Alex^{r} Schand George Crawfurd quha oblesit tham selffis to enter w^{t}in xv dayis vnder the panes continet in the sd. sumondis and in respeck of the contomacie of the remanent persones supra mentionet the baillie decernit ilk persone absent to pay fywe lib and siclyik decernit proces probatione vpon the haill lybill. I 77.

The said day the baillie forsaid w^{t} consent of the fewaris of the bischoprick conwinet for the tyme hes ordanet that Mr Andro Watt notar publict clark of the bischoprik of Ald Abd. salbe clark in tymes cuming to the haill seasings w^{t}in the bischoprik of Abd. and sic as is not giwen be him to be null and of na force strent nor effect. I 81.

24 October 1609.

The said Thomas Beuerlay bedman in Auld Abd. is descernit in amerciment of court for troubling of the toune and giffing of Janet Lamb ane cuff and to pey therfoir the sowme of xl s. and Jon Chalmar messenger is becum cauto^{r} for the said Thomas to pey the said sowme w^{t}in terme of law. I 90.

19 February 1610.

The said day Thomas Car in Auld Abd. and Cathren Lyne his spous ar convicted be ane conding assyis be the mouthe of Johne Torrie chanclar for trubling and injuring of Alex^{r} Forbes be saying of thir words to him that he nor na beartbak in this towne durst put him in vard for thair lugis and that the said Alex^{r} durst nocht cum to the bak dykis for hinging of him and siclyik convictis the said Cathrin for miscalling of the said Alex^{r} Forbes baillie be calling of him suetie hatt clipit brecis and blottit hippis and saying to hir guid man ar thow takin af thai bonnat to ane skait cretor and obsoluis tham fra the injuris spokin to the said Alex^{r}s wyiff and the bailles in respect therof ordanes the said Thomas and Cathrin to be banieschit af of this towne w^{t}in tuentie four houris and gif thai be fund heirefter to be skurgit nakit and brunt on the cheikis and therefter to be perpetualie banieschit and q^{t}sumeuer persone or personis recceptis tham w^{t}in this towne efter the saids houris be expyrit the partie receptar to pey ten markis toties quoties and this act to be publishit at the marcat cros. I 91.

15 June 1610.

The said day Thomas Quhyt of Piterstoun is becum actit and oblesit of his avin proper confession to caus his tennentis and occupearis of his landis of Petterstoune southe croft and cuikis croft pey and delyuer to Mr Jon Chalmer subprin^{ll} of the kingis collige of Auld Abd. or his assigns tuentie thrie bolls beir w^{t} twa peckis to ilk boll for the fermes of the said Mr Jonis landis of Petterstoune for the crop and yeir

of god 1610 yeris w^{t} powar to the said Mr Jon and his forsaidis to resaue and vptak the samen fra his tennentis at the terms of peyment. I 95.

5 October 1610.

The said day comperit James Elphinstone of Glak and producit ane instrument of the lands of Glak of the dait at Abd. the thretene day of November the yeir of god Jaj four hundre^{t} nyntie nyne yeiris qlk beiris na suit nor presens to the bishopis court and therfoir the Baillyie obsoluit him therfra. I 99.

6 April 1611.

In presens of ane reuerend father in God Pitter Bischope of Abd. The quhilk day in presens of me notar publict and clark of the bischoprick of Abd. and vitnes vnder writtin Comperit personalye Margrat Ogilvy spous to Alex^{r} Forbes portionar of Croffs and therout with the presens of hir said spous Renuncit quyt clamet and dischargit hir lyverent and conuinct fie of all and haill ane croft of land callit Simonis croft extending to thrie scoir and sewin elnis or ruddis in breid at all partes lyand on the est syid of the kingis commone gett that passis fra the toune of Abd. to the Brig of Done in the beirsched of the Seatone Betuixt the croft sumtyme of George Knollis now of Patrik of Gordones mill at the southe the landis of Seatone at the northe and eist partes and the kingis commone gett at the vast lyand within the schyir and sherefdom of Abd. In fauoris of Jon Touche elder burges of Abd. and Mariory Barbur his spous in lyverent and for all the dayis of thair lyiftymes and failzeing therof in fauoris of Williame Touche thair secund lautfull sone thair airis and assignis q^{t}sumeuer v^{t} all right tyttel of richt entres cleme propertie and posessione kyndaus and gud vill qlk scho in anievayis haid hes or may pretend therto and gave hir corporall ayth neuer to cum in the contrar Renunceand all exceptione of the law introducit In fauoris of veimen and in speciall senatus consulli veleyani and imediatlie therefter comperit the said Alex^{r} and gave his expres consent and assent to the said renunciatione and ratefeit and approvit the samen in all poyntis To the qlkis premissis the Bischope forsaid interponit his authi^{e} vpone qlkis premissis the said Jon Touche askit and tuik not and instrument in the handis of me clark of court and notar vnder writtin

in the said bischopis hall of new Abd. at thrie houris efter noun or therby Befoir thir vitnes Mr Archabald Blackburne ministar of Abd. Mr Wm Strauchin seruitor to the said reuerand father Alex^r Litster in Auld Abd. and Robert Forbes burges of Abd. I 108.

19 November 1611.

The said day the Reuerand father hes choissen and electit Alexander Gordoun of Cluny prouest of Auld Abd. and he to exerceis the said office qll the feist of Michalmes nixt And Siclyk electit Mr Patrik Gutherie and Mr James Irving bailzeis of Auld Abd. qll the said feist of Michalmes quha acceptit the said office of bailzearie in and vpone tham and gaif thair aythis de fideli administratione therintill. I 109.

13 December 1611.

The said day George Chalmer in Auld Abd. fleschor and Elspet Nory his spous ar convict in amerciament of court for the ryottis and vrangis doing be tham to Mariory Chalmer Bessie and Issobell Chalmeris in Auld Abd. viz for cuming to thair wall w^tout licence and casting done of Patrik Leslies seruandis tub and spilling of thair watter they haffing gottin licence of the said Mariory as also in vrangus and m^rfull away taking of watter out of the said Marioyes wall and in trubling and offending the said Mariorie and hir saidis dochteris and thairfor to pay the sowme of Ten libs of wnlay and sax libs money for asythment to the said pairties w^tin terme of law. I 111.

16 December 1611.

The said day the visitor of the Tayler and Cordinaris and fleschoris ar convict ilk ane of thame in the sowme of ten libs for contraweing of the act maid the 9 day of Decr. I 112.

10 December 1612.

The said day ane reuerent father haueing pouer to elect prowest and baillies within the said citie and Mr Dauid Rait principall of the colledge of Auld Abd. commond procurator of the samen electit noiat. and chesit the Richt honorabill Alex^r Gordoun of Cluny prowest Mr. Patrik Guthrie and Johne Chein baillies for the toun and colledge

boundis for ane yeir vnder this condisioun that the seuerall jures-dictiones be not confoundit bot be saiff to thame and that they concur with vtheris qlk prowest and baillies acceptit the said office in and vpon thame quha gawe thair aith de fideli administrationi. I 114.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the prowest and baillies with the consent of the maist pt. of the inhabitentis therof that quhatsumeuer persone or personis within the citie of Auld Abd. or colledge boundis aduancis or lens to any schoillier within colledge or gramar schoull of the samen aboue ane merk peice vpon ane word or vtherwayis That the samen salbe null and of na strenth on the skoller and the skoller to haue back his awin geir again but payment of ony sowme therfor and to tyne sic sowmes as he or sho happinis to giwe and the recepter of the saidis wadis being conwict therfor sall pay the sowme of fywe pundis toties quoties giff they be twyce relapis The samen salbe ane point of ditta to thame and this to be payit to the toune. I 115.

20 January 1613.

The said day Margrat Duncan and Gilbert Johnestoun alias caldrum hir spous being delaitit be the priue inquest of the said citie to be ane commond receptor of thift and recepter of the studentis of the Kingis Colledge of Auld Abd. cwilzeor of thame and abstracker of thame frome thair studies and ane commond flyter with the nichtboris of the toun and blasfeming of the name of god sho is convict therfor and also the said Gilbert Jo^{n}stoun alias caldrum hir spous being ane new interand he is delaitit be the said priwe inquest to be ane iydill man and to be ane vnlauchfull nichtbor within the said toun haueing nather kaill auldhening as also is delaitit to be ane commond drunket and tinezeor quhan he is fwll And in the mein tyme the said Margaret being accuisit sho raiff the bill Judicialie and in respect therof and of the former ditta ilk ane of thame being conwict therfor for thair awin partis The [said] Margrat was decernit to be put in the gorvis as also sundrie complanstis of honest men and vimen if the said citie being giffen in agains thame To compeir and anser at thair just aucess in the court of the said citie and being lauchfullie warnit sundrie and dyweris tymes to that effect they wilfullie rebellit and contemnit the saidis courtis and wald nawayis compeir therintill The saidis prowest and baillies haueing respect to the former dittaes of the saidis Margrat and Gilbert and of thair wilfull

dissobediens to anser to his maiesties lawis conwictit ilk ane of thame and decernit thame to be baneschit furth of the toun and quhatsumeuer persone or persones within the said toun receptis thame heirefter The recepter to pay the vnlaw of Ten merkis for ilk tyme that they ar found to recept thame Toties quoties vpon the qlkis premissis the prowest and bailleis askit and tuik act of court and instrument in the handis of me notar publict. I 115.

22 February 1613.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that the haill inhabitantis of Auld Abd. that quhatsumeuer he be that deforces the officeris within the toun or croftis menis officeris therof in executioun of thair office of puting of thair decreits to executioun ilk persone man or wyff deforceing salbe put in the stokis be the space of fourtie aucht horis and to pay Ten pundis befor thai cum owt theroff prowyeding alwayis that it salbe lauchfull in tyme cuming That giff ony interand entres within this toun that thinkis tham selffis agrewit be the maister of the croftis that thai ar ower heichlie taxit in thair entress It sall be lesum to tham to complein to the prowest and baillies and the wyff that deforces sho to be put in the stokis and hir husband to be comptabill for her vnlaw. I 117.

23 March 1613.

The said day the prowest and baillies forsaid conwictis Jeane Quhyt in amerciament of court for the trubling and iniwring of Elspet Thome and in respect that sho is ane commond flytter and drunkart throw the toun the prowest and baillies ordainis hir to be baneshit aff of the toun and brunt on the cheik incaice sho commit ony fault heirefter ather be word or deid. I 118.

7 April 1613.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the prowest and bailleis of Auld Abd. bailleis of the colledge bundis and inhabitantis of the chanorie wt consent of the haill inhabitantis of Auld Abd. chanorie and colledge bundis that the bishopis Loche of Auld Abd. salbe bocht be the habitentis thairof fra Mr Robert Gairdyne of Blairtone and thai ar all wiling that the said towne colledge bundis and chanorie salbe stentit for the sowme of Tuelff scoir markis to be peyit within fyiftene dayes efter the gifing out of the stent roll and the prowest bailles consall hes

elecit and chossin Patrik Gordoun of Gordonesmill Jhone Chalmer Mr Patrik Guthrie Alex^{r} Moutray Jhone Reid and incaice of wariance Mr Dauid Rait prin^{ll} of the Kingis Colledg of Auld Abd. to be o^{r}man quha hes giffin thair ay^{t} de fideli administratione and sall conuene w^{t}in the consistorie place of Auld Abd. wpone the nynt instantis. I 118.

3 December 1613.

The said day the prowest and baillies w^{t} consent of the maist p^{t} of the croftismen of Auld Abd. That quhatsumeuer decean beis chosin be maist waitis he sall enter w^{t}in fourtie aucht horis therefter or eles to pay the vnlaw of twantie pundis to the prowest and baillies and tyne his fredome. I 120.

5 April 1614.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the baillies for escheweing of the inconvenient and skaith that is done be the bairneis serwandis and vagabandis in Auld Abd. in casting of the steanis on the kirk and braking of the vindowis of the samen And becaus the kirk is pnt^{lie} repairit and that the samen be saiff in tymes cuming It is statut and ordanit w^{t} consent of the prowest and baillies and w^{t} consent of the haill inhabitantis of the toun that quhatsumeuer bairne sholler or other lowse youthis w^{t}in the toun not haueing m^{rs} beis fund w^{t}in the kirk or kirkyard playing or casting stenis That the awner of the bairne or m^{r} of the serwand sall pay sex s. 8 d. toties quoties they being challengit be Alex^{r} Mutray and the vagabund to be bund to the cros and brydlit therat and stand xxiiij horis bund therat. I 123.

28 December 1614.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the prowest and bailleis of the said citie of Auld Abd. and baillie and conseruiter of the said colledge that the haill croftis of Auld Abd. and colledge boundis To wit the dewcanis therof sall mak compt rakining and payment of the halff of thair entressis of the haill interantis w^{t}in this toun to the kirk of Sanct Mather thir four yeiris bygain and the decane to mak compt theirof betuix the dait heirof and the feist of Candlemas nixt cume and sua furth yeirlie ewerie decon sall mak compt yeirlie at candilmes vnder the pain of Ten pundis as lykwayis to be comptabill for the penalties for thair absence from the kirk. I 131.

17 JUNE 1615.

The said day anent the ditta giwen in agains Johne Croyll for forstalling and contrawening the act of this town be transporting of his fishe to Abd. and not setting thame doun at the cross of Auld Abd. siclyk Patrik Jak Robert Willax and Wm Hendersone accusit for forstalling quha comperit and denyit the bill and therfor referit thame selffis to the tryell of the assys quha being suorne and inclosit they all in ane voice be the mouth of Alex^r Mutray chanceller conwictit the said Jon Croyll in forstalling and contrawening the act anent the transporting of his fishe to Abd. and not seting thame doun at the cros as also for bying of meill of ane pryce and selling the samen darer the samen day and obsolvis the remanent of the pannell and ordanis thame to set sufficient cautioun and decerns John Croyll in amerciament of court and to pay the sowme of fywe pundis. I 136.

27 MAY 1616.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the prowest and bailles w^t consent of the haill inhabitantis that q^tsumeuer persone or persones w^tin the said citie hospittell or college boundis hes onie actione to intent aither ciuill or criminall aganes wtheris they sall first intent the samen befoir the said prouest and bailleis to the effect they may tak tryall theranent according to justice and gif the bailleis tak na ordour theranent being referit tharto It salbe lesum to tham to pas to q^tsumeuer vther judg they think best ilk persone conteawener sall pey the sum of xl s. as also tyne the fredome of the toune. I 148.

7 OCTOBER 1616.

The said day the said Alex^r Gordoun of Cluny hes constitut Jhone Cheyne and Mr Robert Gairdyne baillies of the said bishoprick within the citie of Auld Abd. and proper terrietories therof lyand rownd abowt the said citie ay and quhill they be discharget quha gaif thair aithis de fideli administratione qrunto the said Mr Alex^r Gairden[1] being pnt. consentit. I 149.

The said day the prowest and baillies hes discharget Wm Andersone of his office of officership within this toun as also it is statut and ordanit be the said prowest that giff ewer the said Wm beis challengit

[1] Depute baillie to Alex. Gordon of Cluny, principal baillie of the bishopric.

for ony poynt of thift within this toun or vther deid of wrong quhatsumeuer and being conwict therfor salbe banieschit af the Toun. I 149.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the prowest and baillies with consent of the haill inhabitantis within this toun for the maist pt. that ther salbe ane commond mercat ewerie fryday within this toun and ewerie croftismane to present his wairis at the cros and therto remane be the space of ane hor to wit betuix thre and four efter nwne ilk persone dissobeyand for the first fault fywe pundis the secund confiscatione and tyneand of thair libertie and fredome as also the flescheris within this toun or that cumis frome landward and stayis within the toun salbe oblcist to present thair haill fleshis vpon Setterday in the morning at the cros and therto remain ane hor viz in symer betuix sex and sewin and in vinter betuix sewin and aucht ilk persone dissobeyand vnder the paine supramentionet and giff it may be prowin that giff ony croftismane or flesher sall sell his wairis or fleshe be chaip in the new toun nor was offerit to him imediatlie abefoir in the Auld Abd. thai sall pay ilk tyme fourtie shillingis and ordanis this act to be publishit at the mercat cros. I 149.

The said day Mr Robert Gairdyne hes sett and assedat to the prowest baillies and counsell and communatie of Auld Abd. the haill small custumes sic as gangis nocht to wecht for the space of thre yeiris nixt followeing the dait of thir pnts. for the qlk sett the saidis inhabitantis in Auld Abd. as hes hors sall gif to the said Mr Robert ane dayis leiding of peittis in the said Mr Robertis expenssis in meat to the men and sic as hes nocht hors sall scot and lott with the toun for thair pt. I 150.

5 May 1617.

The said day comp^{t} Mr Ro^{t} Gardyne and Jon Cheyne baillies and delyuerit to Johne Reid skiner dekene of dekenes of the citie of Auld Abd. and college boundis ane richt of the enteres to the croftis of Auld Abd. vnder the seall and subscriptione of umq^{ll} Mr Dauid Rait and baillies of Auld Abd. for the tyme Togidder w^{t} ane wther wryt vnder the subscription and seall of umq^{ll} Dauid bishope of Abd. for the tyme of ane richt to certane inhabitentis therof to be wisitoris to the croftis w^{t}in the said citie as at mair lyn^{t} is content in the said richt qlkis wryttis the said Jon Reid binds and oblegis him his airis and assignais

to present and delyuer befoir the bailles of the said citie for the tyme to be given and kepit to the nixt dekine of Dekines at his nixt election and the said Jon Reid to mak the samen furth cumine induring his tyme mair resauit be the said Jon ane tickit sub^{t} be the saidis bailles q^{r}in Jon Merser grants him to haue resauit ellowne markis sex shillingis qlkis salbe for to the hembermen. I 166.

4 November 1617.

The said day the baillies appointis Walter Andersone Thomas Cuming Alex^{r} Herwie Arthur Falconer ewerie owk to taist the drink within the said citie and q^{r} the samen is fund vnsufficient to declair the samen to the baillies to the effect the samen may be confiscat to the beid men and puir folkis. I 153.

The Names of the Fewaris of the Bishoprick of Abd.

The Thesorar of Abd. for Caberstone and Ardlair
Patrik Gordone for Cottone and Gordones Mill
Jon Gordone of Crabstone and Gilb^{t} Fraser of Vaterton for Sclaty
The Laird of Benholme for Seytone
Mr William Fraser of Clintertie
William Irving of Murthill and Torry Leythe
James Seytone for Glasterberie
Thomas Murray for Miltone of Murthill
Mr Jon Mortimer for Beildsyid
Dauid Meingzes of Kirktone of Banchorie
Thomas Mowtray for Clubisgowill
Mr Williame Moir for Scotistoune
James and Thomas Casseis for Quhytstrypis
Jon Ley^{t} and Adame Gordone for Bogholl
Paull Meingzes for Kynmondie
Andrew Herwie of Monekebak and Alex^{r} Gordon for Vard of Kynmondie
Alex^{r} Murray for Boddimis
Mr Jon Cheyne of Petfichie for Memenlis Strypis and Raneshill
Johne Gordone of Tilligrige
The erill of Kinghorne and Wm Seytone for Kingissett
Mr James Forbes for Corthimuir

James Ogilbie of Bishopis Birnes
Jon Leslie of Petcapel for Kirtone of Dauiot and Rothmeis
George Leslie of Auld Crage
Alex^r Abercromy of Birkinboge for Cother
Williame Seytone of Minie and Petblaen
Johne Leslie of Balquhan for Feterneir and Custestone
Johne Vrquhart of Cirigis Fintray for Lumquhart
Alexander Forbes of Feingask
Alexander Irving of Drum for Drummaok
Lumsden of Bishopis Clowa

Rain

Johne Leythe of Harthill for Louesk, Auldrayn Kirkton
James Stewart of Rothmaeis and Innerquhat and Bonetone
Mr Williame Gordone for Lentushe

Clett

Williame Gordone of Tillianguis
James Gordone of Cnokespak and Kirktone of Clett
Arthur Lord Forbes for Towie
Johne Gordone of Auchminzie
George Gordone of Terpersie for Newbiging and Auchlyn
George Gordone of Blerindinie and Talzeauche
Alex^r Abercromy of Birkinboge for Galcros
Johne Ogilbie of Glasha
The Laird of Findlater for the Kirktone of Fordyce
Jon Ley^t of Montgare
Jon Ley^t for Colforne and Terremil

Bras

Strauchin of Thorntone for his landis of Birs Clunis and Anioquhy
Charles Ros of Tillisnaucht
Donald Farq^rsone for Tiligarmont and Balsedie
The Turnoris of Kynminitie
James Steuart of Innerquhat
The erill of Athoill for Allochie
Alester Gordone for Drimeithie
The Laird of Innermarkie for Letothe
Johne Innes for Petlege

THE NAMES OF THE FEWARIS AND CITINARIS IN AULD ABD.

Jon Touche Patrik Gordone of Gordones Mill Alex^r Lillie Wm Lillie Issabell Fraser Jon Gordone of Lentushe Alex^r Herwie Andro Nauchtie Wm Maxuall Alex^r Eleis, vobster Wm Lyndsay Robert Meikiljon George Robertson Robert Nicoll Andrew Hervie George Chalmer flesher Wm Hendersone George Chalmer cuper Elspet Gordone Alex^r Spalding Jon Anderson Wm Barnet Alex^r Hervie Jon Croyll Adam Beuerlay Patrik Barnet Jon Blak Jon Ray Dauid Mudie Alex^r Barnet Andro Forbes Issobell Paip Jon Barcar Jon Cruikshank George Chalmer Richard Sympsone Patrik Gordone of Birsmoir Jon Cheyne Jon Sangster James Cruikshank Wm Jonstone Thomas Cuming Alex^r Collie Wm Auld Wm Hogis Andro Hendersone Alex^r Donaldsone And Wynton James Rainy Alexander Wadie James Thomsone Alex^r Blak Mr Walter Andersone Robert Law Issobell Kelman Wm Merser Robert Cowie Wm Gariauche Walter Anderson Jeane Quhyt James Bettone William Rainy Johne Wylie Helen Scott Walter Moir Thomas Philpe Duncane Barcar Arthur Gibstone Beroald Innes Lourans Gray Hendrie Liklie Adame Donald Androw Gordone Johne Norre Alex^r Cruikshank George Patersone James Eleis vobster Marion Robertsone Johne Dauidsone Thomas Kempt Jon Patersone Robert Robertsone Jon Balquhanand James Eleis flesher Issobell Emslie Thomas Wilgius Alex^r Robertsone Jon Guthrie Alex^r Sutter alias Thomson Arthur Falconer Ad. Reid Johne Torrie Margrat Irving Andrew Wyntoun Robert Hind Robert George James Angus Alexander Paull Jonet Blak Charles Rob^tsone Hendrie Gray sen^r Issobell Jak Thomas Ortone Williame Kelmane Jon Andersone Alex^r Wylie Alex^r Martene Androw Torrie Jon Touche Jon Rose Johne Tulloche Gilbert Clark Williame Mitcheall Issobell Dauidsone Johne Cruikshank Margrat Spittell Arthur Smythe Marione Smythe John Hay Johne Cheyne Mr Alex^r Cheyne Williame Tailzour Patrik Gordone of Birsmoir Johne Gairdyne Alex^r Forbes Marioun Robertsone Johne George Thomas Dauidsone Johne Alerdeis Valenten Dauidsone Alex^r Schand Girsel Clark Williame Burnet Duncane Lowrie Williame Andersone Eduard Cruikshank Williame Cruikshank Cottone Johne Sangster Wm Hendersone. I 183.

12 NOVEMBER 1634.

The said day it is institut and ordainit be the bailzies with consent of the Inhabitantes of Auld Aberdeine that quhosoeiur within the said toune receptes any beggeris sturdie beggeris or straingeris or guies them ludging or hospitalitie within the said toune fra this day foorthe shall pay the onlaw of Ten pundes toties quoties and quhateuir he beis that reveiles on his neighbour and proues the recept of beggeris shall haue the quarter of the onlaw. III 1.

15 DECEMBER 1634.

The said day the baillies decerns Agnes Morieson to pay the onlaw aboue writtin for the recept of strong beggers to be payed within terme of law under the paine of poynding.

The said day it is statute and ordainit that no man within the Towne shall by mair meill nor serues his awin house being freman under the paine of Ten poundes toties quoties. III 1.

13 MAY 1635.

The said day the baillies foirsaides hes set the loch of Auld Ab^{d} to George King Gilbert Bauerlay Robert George and Johne Forsythe for the space of ane yeir for the quhilk they bind and obleges thame to pay the soume of sex pundes money at Witsonday nixt to the thesaurer thairof. III 2.

9 MAY 1636.

The said day was taken vp ane roll of the haill inhabitantis of the Auld toune chanrie and spittell thair bairnes and servandis As also ane roll of all the other poor folkes within the said Toune and parische as followes.[1] III 3.

16 MAY 1636.

The said day wer elected threttie persones of the most honest and aged persones of the Toune as ane double assyses to pass upoun the

[1] See *infra*.

inquest of such thinges as they should be requyred and giue their aith de fidelitate quhairof the names followes viz Williame Troup in Spittell, Androw Youngsone, wobster, Johne Andersone tailzeour, James Innes, Thomas Merser, Robert Law, Androw Adame, Andro Hendersone, George King, David Abell, Johne Forbes, William Hay, skinner, Alexander Tellie, Williame Knolles, Alexander Schand, George Chalmer, flescher, Robert Andersone, cordiner, Andro Barker, smythe, Johne Andersone, cordiner, James Tailzeour, George Moir, smythe, Thomas Angus, wobster, Andro Torrie, Robert George, smythe, Donald Wrquhart, George Andersone, Thomas Cuming, Williame Burnet, Mr Thomas Lillie, and Alexander Moutray To pas upoun the inquest of ane assyss of all infamous persones all ydleris, and those that hes no certaine calling to liue be and wer not provyded of kaill and fewall and other necessaries of good neighbourheid and upoun recepteris of begeris ydleris and vagaboundes or strangeris without licence as also to cognosce quhat number of brousteris may serue the whole boundes of the Auldtoun Spittell, and Chanrie, and to set downe their names and the said assyss being first solemnelie suorne to delait no persone for malice nor for to conceill any through favour or to reveall any speeches of thair officiales that past upoun the said inquest and being removed from the consistorie to Dumbares yll efter conference thair amonges themselves about ane hour returned the subscrivit declaratioun following viz The haill inquest be the mouthe of Thomas Merser chancellur ordaines—

Thomas Elmslie to be amerciat for recept and to find cautioun in tyme cuming Cristiane Cruikshanke and hir dochter to be banished with the haill companie within the house, Creple Forbes and his wyff to be banished, Beatrix Cheilles hes nothing to liue on to be banished or else set cautioun, Alexander Couttes with his wyff to be banished, Beatrix Torrie to remoue, Issobell Gray to go to seruice, set cautioun or els remoue, Elspet Clerke, Thomas Turner his wyff and bairnes to remoue, Janet Heruie to set cautioun for recept of beggeris, Johne Ritchie with his wyff and bairnes to be removed, Johne Garioche and his wyff to be banished, Janet Cruickshanke and her dochtir to remoue or els set cautioun in Mr Alexander Irwinges hous, the haill houshold within the chancellaris clois to be removed, Alexander Gordoun and his wyff to remoue sic as he hes in his hous and set cautioun in tyme

cuming to that effect, Williame Gibsone to pay the former onlaw for transgressioun of the former actes and set cautioun in tyme cuming, and if the said Williame findis it not expedient to do the samen the said Williame to be absolutlie banished with his whole familie, Williame Maxuell to set cautioun for his wyff, Issobell Carnecorse, Margaret Couper with her dochter all three to be banished, Robert Ros to find cautioun both for himselfe and his wyff under the pain of baneschment, Mariorie Carle and Williame Hutcheone, Helene Thomsone and Elspet Norie all to be removed, Johne Irwing to go to seruice or els to remove, George Haldan to be amerciat conforme to Thomas Elmslie for recept of Thomas Barnett couper. Ordaines Thomas Cumming to pay ane onlaw according as the baillies shall modifie and set down for recept of beggeris and that for bygones, and the said Thomas to remove his sone aff of the towne, set cautioun or than put him to seruice.

Lykwayes the haill inquest be the mouth of thair said chancellor referris the brousteris the number thairof and quha sall brew to the baillies thamselves to judge thairin.

The said day the preceiding actes concerning the recept of beggares and vagabondes wer ratified and all the foirnamit persones convict and declairit to be infamous be the judgment of the assyss wer ordainit by the authoritie of the baillies to red and remoue themselues aff of the Towne under the paines following, that is to say eftir the publict proclamatioun of thir present actes at the mercat croce if any of the saides persones be found within the Toune for the first fault to be put in the stockes or joges all the foirnoone and imprisoned efter till they set sufficient cautioun for removall. And if they be found the second tyme to lay ane burne yron on thair cheik or shoulder and both the tymes to be punished in their goodes according to the judges discretioune and quha ewer induelleris in the Toune beis found to recept thame or giue thame harbour efter the said proclamatioun to be amerciat and pay the onlaw of four pundis toties quoties, thairof tuentie shillinges to be giwen to the delaitteris of the names of the saides recepteris to the baillies.

Item the same day it was ordainit that henceforth no fewares in this Towne or landes lordis set any persones for thair sub-tennentes in any of thair housses till first they bring ane testimoniall from the minister of the parioche quhair they remained last and thair maister

they served and then till thei be brought to the baillies and tryed quhat calling thay ar of and how they may liue and lastlie till thair landes lord become cautioner for thame to liue honestlie and if they be found thaireftir in any manes skaith thair landes lord or thair cautioner to pay ten pundes toties quoties and thamselues to be punished according to the qualitie of thair fault and the judges discretione. And if so be that any fewar or friehalder in the said boundes beis found in thift or declaired infamous to be delaitted to the Bishope thair superior and to lose thair fewes according to the lawes of this kingdome and besyid that to be punished at the judges arbitriment. III 13.

Item concerning the poore that ar allowed be the sessioun to remain within the Toune and thair names giwen up to the baillie that naine be acknowledged to be of that number but those that caries the tounes marke on thair breastes to wit ane floure de luce in leid. And that all those shall come preceislie and get almes at the yetis of honest men on such dayes allanerlie as they have or shall appoint for dealling thair almes and shall not molest thair yetes nor housses upoun wther dayes under the pain of chastisment and removall aff of the toune. And concerning the poore of the parioche they shall have thair awin marke viz. ane star in lead and sall have libertie to cum in to the toune allanerlie on Sunday to heir the preiching and with this provisioun that thai cum in to the kirke befoir the reading of the text and byd thair the tyme of the sermon, and if thay be found on any weeke dayes in the Toune in that caice to be punished as stranger beggares and chaised away be the scurger.

Item the said day Archbald Bischope was ordainit to be scurger and gave his aith of fidelitie and thair was aucht shelinges weeklie appointed to be collected for him according as the fyfteine assesores shall stent the Toune and in executing of his office if he fall upoun any strong beggeris that will not be commanded be him in that caice he shall requyre two of the neirest neighbours to that place quhair the sturdie beggar is found to assist him. And in caice they refuis their helps he shall take witnes thairon and the saides refuiseris ar ordainit to pay for thair penaltie thrie weekes wages toties quoties. And on the contrarie if any man resist or imped him in the executioun of his office to be put in ward and pay four pundis for thair offence.

Item the said day it was statute and ordainit quhatsumeuir persones receptes thair neighboures servantes and selles thame drink or allures thame thairto by thair maisteris knowledge or againe his will thei shall pay fyw pundes toties quoties they ar found in that fault.

Item the said day the grass of the loch being rouped it was adjudged to Thomas Simsone untill the tyme of haining the nixt yeir and the said Thomas became oblegit to pay to the saides baillies for the said grasse Ten pundes 6s. 8d. betuixt this and midsummer nixt 1636 yeirs. And for his better injoying of the said grase it was ordainit that quhaeuir putes in thair hors goodes without his leive shall pay thretteine shillinges four pennies toties quoties. III. 15.

13 June 1636.

The said day compeirit Williame Hay, Visitor of the Hemermen craft, David Abell, visitor of the wobster craft, Jhone Andersone, visitor of the tailzeour craft, Androw Adame, visitor of the Cordoner craft, and George Chalmer, visitor of the flescher craft, and became actit and obleist of thair awin consentis with express consentis and assent of the remanent brethren of the saidis craftis to pay and delyuer ilk ane of thair awin pairtis to the saidis baillies for thair relieff at the handis of Maister Gilbert Ross maister of the musick scoole ilk ane of the saidis visitouris to pay to the saidis baillies as efter followes viz. the said David Abell band and obleist him and his successores to pay to the saidis baillies the soume of Ten merkis Scotis money the first day of November nixt in this instant yeir of God M. sex hundreth threttie sex yeires and ilk ane of the saidis visitoures ilk ane for thair auin pairtes band and obleist thame to pay the saidis baillies the soum of fyw merkis money foirsaid at the said day and the saidis baillies bindis and obleisses thame to pay the merkis money foirsaid quhilk makis in the haill the soume of fourtie merkis Quhilk soum of fourtie merkis the saidis baillies bindis and obleisses thame and thair successores to pay to the said Mr. Gilbert Ross upon the feist and terme of Mertimes ewin nixt to cum in the said yeir of God and siclyk yeirlie upon Mertimes ewin during the said Mr. Gilbert is remaining with the said Schooll and reiderschip and the visitoures for the tyme and thair successoures to be bund and obleist to pay as said is yeirlie at the dayis foirsaid upon the quhilkis premises the said

Mr. Gilbert askit and tuik act of court and instrument in the handis of me notar publict and clerk of court.

The said day the haill deakenes of the craftes conteined in the foirsaid instrument viz. David Abell deiken of the wobsteris, George Chalmer deakin of the fleshers, Andrew Adam deacon of the cordonaris, John Andersone deikin of the tailzeouris, and William Hay dekin of the Hammermen, being all first solemnelie suorne to be faithful in thair owin callingis and craftis and then to choose among themselfis a dekin convener they all in one voice nominat and choosed the said Williame Hay deikin of the Hammermen to be deiken convener of the haill craftis.

The said day Mr. Gilbert Ros is found to have securitie for his old stipend and likewise for the 40 merkis conditioned him by the bailzies and deikenis of the toun as is at moir lenth conteined in the foirsaid instrument lykewayes the said Mr. Gilbert his scholleris thair stipendis are appoynted as followis viz. thoiss that readis and wreittis onlie a merke everie quarter thoiss that are learneing to sing tuentie shilling the singeris and the tothers both tuentie sex shillingis aucht pennies, and in this regard the said Mr. Gilbert is ordayned to keipe the ordinarie houres of attendance at the kirk and schoole according to the forme of New Aberdein, viz. to read the prayeris at the chope of sewin in the morning efter the prayer bell hes rung halfe an houre, and efternoon the bell to ring betuixt halff houre to five and five choped at quhich tyme immediatelie he sall begin to read the prayeris in summer and in winter ane houre sooner at nicht and ane houre laitter in the morning and for his schoole to frequent it betuixt sex and nyne in the morning, ten and tuelf in the fornoone and tuo efternoone and sex houres at nicht. III 17.

18 July 1636.

The qlk day it wes statute and ordained that the haill feueris and tenementis of Old Abd sall compeir within the consistore place the 26 day of Julij at ten houres and pay thair taxatioune and such as peyed nocht according to the stent roll at that hour shall pey the double within aucht and fourtie houres therefter. III 21.

9 August 1636.

The said day it is statute and ordained that no man shall lay muck in the wyndis of Old Abd. or upon such pairtis of the Calsie that may devigour the toun or impede the free passage of horse and men and sick muck as lyes in thoise pairtis alreadie to be removed be the owneris within aucht and fourtie houres under pain of confiscatioun and in tyme cumming if they lay onie moir thair it shall be leasome to anie man efter aucht and fourtie houres lying to transport away and apply it to his oune uses but onie deed of violence or wrong to be incurred be him thairby.

The said day concerning the reparatione of the calsies it wes found that maine actis were made abefore under penalties and not put to executioun and thairfor for the hie calsie that wes appoynted so oft to be repaired it is statute that the calsier sall be sett to work before ewerie manes doore quho sall be obleidged to furnish sand and stones and the calsier to work at the common pryce of fourtie shillingis the rood proportionallie and if the saids inhabitants pey not befor the calsier goe from the dore to be poynded instantlie according to the raitt of the former actis. And because the north entrie of the toune and Loch Wynd makis the access to the toune in winter so difficult that men and horse are both in danger. Therfor it wes thocht guid be the haill toune that theise tuo pairtis should be calsied befor winter ane with uniforme consent of the haill induelleris of the Spittell chanrie and middell toun it wes statute and ordained that thoise that hade horse sould send thair horse gratis and willinglie as it fell them in order to bring four draucht of sand or stones to the saidis places as also all the rest of the inhabitantis that had not horse sould send at leist a sufficient servant with barrowis tulis skullis and such like instrumentis to carie sand as it fell them in thair ordour under paine of poynding the absentis or disobedientis. III 21.

5 December 1636.

Compt of the Cacies giwin up be Doctor Gordoun and Mr John Lundie Collectouris and bailzies the fyft of December 1636 yeiris—

Imprimis resaived be Doctor Gordoun at thrie severall courtis and a pairt from Mr. John Lundie	39 libs 9s

Dischairge—Imprimis givin to the Caciers for sex ruid of Cacie in the Loch Wynd and fyve ruid and a quarter Cacie anent the douket grein in the North syd at 40s the ruid	22 libs 15s
Item to the officiaris for ten dayis attendance and work about sex shillingis the peace per day	5 libs 4s
Item to David Donald for nyn scoir cairt fulls of gryt stones out of Clunies yaird to the Nether Chanrie Port	12 libs
Summa	39 libs 19s
So super exspent	10s

Compt Mr John Lundie.

Imprimis be me Johne Lundie alon attour all that wes resaived be D. Gordoun according to the said Mr Johne's compt givin in writtin be himself	50 libs 15s
Dischairge—Imprimis to the Caciers for laying ellevin ruid of cacie about the Nether Chanrie Port and North entrie of the Town	21 libs 13s 4d
Item advanced to the said Caciers for George Bruce and Thomas Mercer's cacie	27s
Item to Nicoll Torrie for leiding sand all the tyme	5 libs 16s 8d
Item to two officiaris to attend the work for 15 dayis wage and a part of the 16	10 libs 4s
Summa	39 libs 8d
Restis in his hand	11 libs 15s

Thairof 27s of Mr George Anderson to cacie the College boundis. III 24.

The said day the act anent the resetting of strange beggaris at the Mertimes court wes put to executione and the persones folowing being lawfullie convict wes all amerciat according to the act in 4 libs everie one bot for sundrie causes the rigor of the said act wes mitigat and

thair onlayis modified as folowis—Imprimis Johne Wylie elder in the Spittall 40s; Andrew Yongsone in the Spittell 20s; John Catto thair 13s 4d; Andrew Boyn 6s 8d; John Robie 13s 4d; Andrew Small 13s 4d; Thomas Crukshank his onlay for hurting Thomas Adam 26s 8d; James Davidson for resett of beggeris 26s 8d;

The said day William Gibson and William Buchan wer conwict be thair awin confession for deforcing the officiaris that wes poynding upon ane act of the deacon of the flesheris and amerciat to ten pundis the man bot out of commiseratione for thair ignorance it wes modified to 4 libs the peace making 8 libs. Summa of theis onlayis 16 libs.

Quhich wes distributed as folowis—

Imprimis paed to Mr. Thomas Messer be D. Gordoun for a commission raising in the proces of the customes 8 libs

Item givin to him to John Messer and James Skedow officiaris and William Wat Clerk for thair wages everie on a dolour extending in all to 8 libs 2s

Item loss upon a leadin dolour givin in 4s

Item givin out also be Doctor Gordoun for sustentation of two Wagabondis putt in ward be the Justice of Peace and giwin to a bearair to go to Pitmedden to try if it were thoise that robbed his tenentis 24s

Item given be the said D. for this Court Book 20s

III 27.

30 June 1640.

We Provest and baillies of the Citie of Auld Aberdein be thir presentis admitis Meriorie Carll Inhabitant in the said Citie fre woman in all tymes cuming to use the tred of huxtar by and sell all such wairis as hes bein in use to be boucht and sauld be ony of the said tred lauchfullie abefoir be this our writt and subscrywit with our handis. III 29.

Be it kend till all men be thir presentis me Maister Gilbert Ross reider of St Macher and maister of the muisick scooll thair Forsameikill as by ane act of the Toun's Court of the dait the threttein day of Junij M. sex hundreth threttie sex yeires I demittit in faworis of the craftis of Auld Abd ony richt tytill or custum that I haid to the uptaking of the fredome of the said craftis and unlawis of the toun to the effect they micht have deakins of thair awin hold thair awin courtis and ilk craft uptak thair awin fredomes and unlawis. For the quhilk caus the

saidis craftis and deakins becum bund and obleist to the baillies and the bailzeis to me yeirlie at the feast and terme of Mertimes the soume of fourtie merkis as ane pairt of my steipand as reider and scoollmaister . . . And now since it is of veritie that I the said Mr Gilbert Ross hes receawit from Doctor Williame Gordoun and Johne Forbes baillies all and haill the forsaid soume of fourtie merkis Scotis money quhairof I hold me weill content satisfiet and payit.

2 November 1640.

The said day it is statut and ordaint that the haill twa penny candill salbe as sufficient as the rest of the candill of Abirdein and thair aucht penny breid conforme thairto under the pain of confiscatioun as lykewayis ordainis that na huchsteris in Auld Aberdein by na mair meill nor serves themeselffes under the pain of fywe pundis toties quoties.

The said day it is statut and ordaint that the haill Crem stowpis in Auld Aberdeen salbe brocht to the cross the nynt of November instant to sie the sufficiencie under the pain of fywe pundis.

The said day it is statut and ordainet that all billis gifin in salbe maid and subscrywit be the clerk, utherwayes the samen to be rewen and not to be hard.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that the haill husbandmen in Auld Aberdein sall saw the twalff pairt of thair haill laboring in pese under the pain of fywe pundis toties quoties evri yeir.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that the officeris in Auld Aberdein ilk ane thair day abowt on the Saboth day sall seirche and seik ather prenteishes or ony uther persones quhatsumeuer in tyme of dewyne serwice and gif ony persone beis fund ather drinking or playing in the linkis or at any uther pastim quhatsumewer that they sall gif wp thair names leallie and trewlie as they sall answer to God and the ane halffe of the wnla to be gifin to the officer upgiffer. III 38.

9 November 1640.

The said day ordanis Johne Pettindreich to produce ane testimoniall frome the pairt com frome last the nixt court or else to remowe af of the toun. III 40.

16 NOVEMBER 1640.

The said day the baillies with consent of the maist pairt of the counsall hes ordanit Williame Watsone cordoner and George Gibsone to pay twantie shillingis ilk ane of thame and hes receawit thame to the toun to work quhair they pleise Quhilk twantie shillingis for ewerie ane of thame was becaus they fled out of the toun in tyme of trubill.

The said day Quhaeuer sallis aill or byis aill with onseallit stowpis efter the dait heirof sall pay fourtie s. toties quoties within the boundis of Auld Abd. III 41.

30 NOVEMBER 1640.

The said [day] Williame Watt his tenentis and the tenentis within James Cruikschankis houses to be sichtit to be guid nichtbouris in sua far as they have kaill and elding. III 43.

25 MARCH 1641.

The said day George Chalmer flescher hes inactit himself be thir presentis to enter Bessie Gray his seruitor upon the twantie nynt of Merche instant befoir the said baillie to ansuer at the instance of Johne Forbes lait baillie of the said citie for the stiking of ane kow of the said Jhones with ane craig knyff and that the said George sall enter the said Bessie the said day wnder the pain of fourtie poundis as also the said George obleisses him to pay the unlaw sick as salbe modiefiet aganis the said Bessie boith for pairtie and toun. III 45.

19 MAY 1641.

The said day it is statut and ordeanit that theas quha is in the toun that fies thame selff in herwest in landward that they sall remain ther and quha receptis thame therefter sall pay ten pundis toties quoties. III 48.

The said day Robert Ross is becum cautioner and souertie for Issobell Hay his spous for her crydet lawtie and honestie and for hir blassennis towing and gif scho dois in the contrar the said Robert obleisses him to present hir to the baillies under the pain of fourtie pundis and remowing of himself and his wyff boith aff of the toun. III 49.

17 NOVEMBER 1641.

Compeirit Robert George deakin conweiner with the rest of the deakinis and M^rs^ of the croftis of Auld Abd and refuisit to by the said James Cruikschank his house bot is content and heirby inactis thame selffis to contrabuit voluntarlie to the wtermest of thair power with the rest of the town to bwild and put wp at the cross ane schooll of twa house hicht with ane wardhous and ane house abowe the said wardhous to hald the toune and croftis courtis therin quhen ane occasioun sall peroffer. III. 53.

22 MARCH 1642.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that ther sall no croftisman w^t^in the Citie of Auld Abd. be receawit or admitit heirefter be the croftis to be fremen q^ll^ first they gif thair maister sey to the deakin and quartermaisteris and imediatlie therefter the said deakinis and thair quartermaisters sall compeir befor the prowest and baillies of Auld Abd. or maist pairt therof with the enterand and his maister seyis and gif thair aithis that the enterand is ane sufficient warkman to serwe the kingis leidges w^t^ certificatioun to thame quha dois in the contrair they sall be prosequet according to the Act of parliament.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that quhatsumewer he beis that settis ane hous to Witsonday nixt q^ll^ first he cum to the prowest and baillies, he quha setis the hous sall pay the soum of ten pundis toties quoties.

The said day the haill inhabitantis of Auld Abd. being conwenit and consentit that ther suld be ane wynd coft annent the cross throche Gilbert Bewerlayis closs. III 55.

9 MAY 1643.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the saidis baillies that James Andersone pretendit deakin of the cordoner croft of Auld Abd. is and sall be discharget of his fredome and of his pretendit deconrie in all tymes cuming and not to haue office in ony of the croftis of Auld Abd. in no tyme heirefter with certificatioun to thame and ewerie ane of thame quha dois admit the said James heirefter to his fredome but consent of the prowest, baillies and counsall of Auld Abd. that thane and in that caice quha dois in the contrar but consent forsaid sall incur the

lyk dainger as also the said James is ordanit to pay to Williame Burnet thesaurer the soum of ten pundis money and that becaus the said James cam to the court forsaid being lauchfullie fensit in pns. of the baillies forsaid and sindrie of the consaloris conwenit for the tyme and ther dissobeyit the baillies and declairit he wald not acknowledge the baillies of Auld Abd. for ony wrang or pley doin betuix croftismen bot that thameselffis was judges therto allenerlie with many vther iniureows wordis spokin be the said James to the saidis baillies qlk is not wirthie heirin to be expressit. III 57.

24 May 1643.

The said day Thomas Orum cordoner hes inactit Robert Orum his father cautioner for him as also for Merioun Robertsone that George Cuming Smythe in Auld Abd. salbe harmeles and skaithles of thame in his bodie guidis and geir and nawayis to be trublit be thame in tyme cuming under the pain of fourtie pundis and the said Thomas to releiwe him. III 62.

3 July 1643.

The said day anent the bill gifin in be Androw Barcar Smyth in Auld Abd. aganis Johne Cruikschank, therannent the miscalling iniuring of the said Androw be saying God nor he die in the skab and glengon as his brother Alexander Barcar did and in respeck q^r^of it is statut and ordanit that Elspet Leslie, Johne Cruikschank and his wyff, Alexander Schand and his wyff nor na vtheris within the toun sall miscall the said Androw Barcar in the lyk maner heirefter and gif the samin be spokin [and] sall be sufficientlie prowin [they] sall pay the wnla of fywe pundis toties quoties. III 63.

7 August 1643.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that ilk ane that hes hors in Auld Abd. sall send thair hors to Abd. to the sand the morne be sewin houris and thame that absentis ony of their horses sall pay twantie schillingis for ilk hors.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that quhatsumewer huchster within this toun that gois betuix the brig and the toun to by ather their cheikins or egis befor they cum in till Abd. that the haill guidis that they by salbe confiscat or ony vther guidis and hes to Abd. to sell

thame sall sit with sybowis to get peitis all that they haue ther salbe confiscat as saidis. III 65.

The said day the croftis gaif in four men to wit Jhone Andersone deakin conweiner Williame Hay, Dauid Abell, Thomas Angus q^r^unto ar adit four of the toun to wit Johne Mowtray Williame Cumingis Williame Burnet and George King to go throch the toun upon ane priwie Inquest and to gif in ane perfyt list of wagabundis and wyckatt neichtbouris. III 65.

29 September 1643.

The said day compeirit the saidis Mr Jhone Lundie George Midiltoun and James Innes baillies in pns. of the haill counsall and gaif in ane comp^t^ of thair intromissioun with the wnlais and entresses of this perceiding yeir modifiet be the adwyce of the counsall togidder with sic moneyis as was exactit frome the breid selleris as followis vizt frome John Irwing for his wnla and entrie fourtie shillingis frome George Cuming for his wnla four pundis frome Williame Buchanis wyff xiii S. 4d wnla frome Cristiane Waenis xiii S 4d wnla frome Robert Orum xxvi S. 8d wnla frome James Andersone fourtie S. unla frome Thomas Cruikschank xiii S 4d vnla frome Alexander Herwie xx S entrees siluer frome Williame Lyne for entress siluer four merkis frome Alexander Bennet for his entress siluer fourtie S. Magnus Knowis xxvi S 8d unla frome Androw Cargill xxvi S 8d entress siluer frome Alex^r^ Thomsone xx S entress siluer frome George Gibsone xiii S 4d entress frome Gilbert Forsyth for his entrie xl s and frome Meriorie Carll Margrat Boyis Thomas Herwies wyff and Merioun Nisbet ilk ane of thame threttein S. 4d for breid selling extending in the haill to xxvi libs q^r^of delyuerit to Alex. Wilguis Reider for stipend to Mertimes nixt sex pund xiii S 4d to Williame Watt clerk for his fie aucht merkis and to the officeris four merkis and sua restis sewintein merkis for mending of the (calsayis resawit be James Innes) brokin calsayis frome the Dowcat Grein to the cross quhair ther ar no heretoris qlkis moneyis ar in the handis of James Innes. III 68.

27 November 1643.

The said day compeirit Alexander Wilguis schoolmaister and reider in Auld Abd. grantis me to haue receawit frome the prowest baillies for thame selffis and in name of the croftis of Auld Abd. all and haill the

soum of fourtie merkis Usewall scotis money and that for the Witsonday and Mertimes termes payment in this instant zeir of God M J^{m} sex hundreth fourtie thre yeires and discharges the saidis baillies and croft therof be thir pntis. for ewer be this my acquittance and discharge subscrywit w^{t} my hand day yeir and plaice foirsaid III. 69.

The said day compeirit Mr Thomas Lillie noter publict in Auld Abd. and becum actit and obleist for Williame Drum ther and Jeane Mwkart his spous that they sall treit and interteine Elspet Gilcryst in mait claith and intertenement and that the said Elspet sall nocht go throch [the] toun in beging and that the said Jeane Mwkart sall learne the said Elspet Gilcryst to wyff schankis and that duiring the spaice of sewin yeires hir entrie to begin the day and dait of thir pntis, and the said Williame and his said spous obleisses thame to warrand and releiwe thair cautioner anent the premises and all that may follow heiron and that under the pain of Twantie pundis. III 70.

8 January 1644.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the baillies with consent of the counsall and commvnitie that the former act annent the skolding and trubling of the toun be flyting qlk is ane commond cours in Auld Abd that ewerie ane that beis fund giltie sall pay the soum of thre pundis toties quoties and sall remain ane hour in the Gogis at the cross and it is ordanit that the samen act be statut aganis sklanderous banneris and sueirieris. III 71.

15 February 1644.

The said day annent the stent to be imposit for the seting furthe of Twalff soigoris and non declairit in the contrar and therfor it is statut that stentmaisteris sall be set at schort and all being conwenit they said nothing in the contrar. III 72.

21 June 1644.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the said baillie that Thomas Angus being lauchfullie citit and compeirand for ingifing his comptis of the receawit moneyis frome the Auld toun of Abd. for owtputing twalff fut soidgeris for the Ingleisch expeditioun under Captaine Mak Knab as lyk wayis for the recept of feftie twa pundis dew

to the Auld toun of Abd for thair pairt of ane horse and rydder to the forsaid expeditioun the said Thomas day forsaid is decernit be the said baillie to gif in his forsaid accomptis or if he failze to be lyabill to the preiudice of ellewin scoir merkis aledgit on the heidis of the Auld toun this efter nuin. III 74.

2 SEPTEMBER 1644.

The said day in pns. of the baillies and counsall of Auld Abd. it is statut and ordanit in respeck the pnt. baillies Johne Forbes Mr Johne Lundie and Mr Williame Rait haue acknawledgit the recept of threttie muskettis and bandeleiris conforme and haue to this effect giffin thair band and obligatioun to the committie of estaitis at Abd. quhane the saidis baillies salbe requeiret ather to redelyuer thame or ten pundis for ilk peice in caice of failzie that the successiue baillies quha sall succeid to theas abowe specefeit quhane ewer it sall happin sall stand in the samen missor bund and obliest for the forsaidis baillies releiff and as they now ar sall tak the burding on thame all objectioun and exceptioun being put apairt except onlie thair not recept of armes or ony pairt of thame qlk obiectioun being secludit and they the forsaidis baillies successiue haueing receawit the forsaidis armes or ony pairt therof to be bund and heirby bindis quhane they receawe thair office for releiff as is abowe specefiet. III 75.

The said day it is appointit the toun and Chanrie of Auld Abd salbe dewydit in thre pairtis and ilk ane of theas pairtis dewydit sall be led owt in armes with thair baillies to wit Mr. Williame Rait for the Chanrie Johne Forbes frome the Cross to the Colledge on the eist pairt Mr Johne Lundie frome the Cross to the Colledge on the wast pairt and the Spittel boundis to be cum in diuislie betuix Johne Forbes and Mr Johne Lundie to be execerceit and dreillit thre dayis in the weik Monday Woddinsday and Fryday fra this weik furth at ten houris ilk day wind and wadder serwand. III 76.

27 SEPTEMBER 1644.

The baillies and counsalloris for the maist pairt ellectit nominat and chuisit Mr Thomas Sandelandis Mr Johne Lundie and Alex^{r} Spalding baillies to Michelmes nixt Jai. sex hundreth fourtie fywe ziers and the said Mr Johne Lundie being present at the bar refuisit to accept the

said office in respeck he is Humanist and maister of the gramer schwill and expreslie prohibit be the actis of the last generall assemblie nocht to be burdinit with ony vther charge as lykwayis [this] toun nocht haueing pouer to chuise the Colledge Magestratis.

And lykwayis the said Alex^r Spalding being pntlie. pnt. refuisit to accept the said office in respeck of his inhabilitie and weiknes greiwet with the gutt in his seit kneis and legis and that he may not walk vp nor doun stairis nor keip the churche in tyme of dewyne serwice quhair vpon the said Mr Johne Lundie and Alexander Spalding ilk ane for thair awin pairtis askit and tuik act and instrumentis. III 76.

11 October 1644.

The said day the haill counsall auld and newe being fullie conwenit and haue all sworne to gif thair woices vprichtily and unpartiallie according to thair knowledge and concience. Thair woices being formalie askit did vnanimuslie nominat ellect and chuise to be thair baillies frome the dait of thir pntis. to Michelmes next 1645 yeirs. Mr Thomas Sandelandis commissar of Abd. Johne Forbes and Mr Williame Rait gifand thame full pouer to excerss the forsaid office duiring the forsaid tyme with vpliftit handis promesing all all lauchfull obedience respect and rewerence and all incuradgment they culd gyff vnto thair forsaidis baillies for the better dischargeing of the said office that they micht do the wark with joy and not with greiff. Quhairupon the persones forsaid to accept the said office vpon thame and gaif thair aithis de fideli administratione and in testimonie thairof the baillies forsaid hes subscrywit thir pntis. with thair handis day and plaice forsaid. III 77.

18 November 1645.

The said day Robert Gleney is decernit to pay to the said theawsauer Ten merkis resevit be him to leiue schouldioris in the said toune and Robert fled and was ane fugitive. III 81.

20 May 1646.

The said day it is statuit and ordanit that ilk inhabitant within the toune that hes hors and wantis girse to thair hors that they and everie ane tak girse to thair horses and ky in dew tyme of yeir. Wtherwayis gif ther guid beis fund within thair niechtbouris corne or girse sall pay

fourtie Shillingis toties quoties and that they that hes troupperis horses in keiping and will nocht find thaim girs and corne sall pey the lyk soum in the lyk cais.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that they that wantis horss within the toune sall pey to Meriorie Carle the candell tene wp fra her for susteining of the schouldiouris and they that hes hors sall pey Capitaine Arthour Forbes his peitis that he furnessed to the schouldiouris in naim of the toun. III 83.

8 October 1646.

The said day Janet Craigheid being beinshed out of the toune of Abd as ane commond thief and being fund within the citie of Old Abd steilling of the nichtbouris geir and takin and ane lawfull asyss set wpone her be famous men was ordeanit to be scurgit out of the said citie of Old Abd qlk wes done and they quho restet her thairefter to pey ten pundis toties quoties and decernit Agnes Morisoune and Robert Ortoune ilk ane of tham to pey ten merkis for reseting of her abefoir and Johne Huid ten poundis for reseting of stoline geir stoline be her with ane pair of blankittis ane pair of bed plaidis ane pair of scheitteis quhilk the said Elspet confessit thir onlyes to be peyit to the said Thomas Angus theasaurer within terme of law and the said Johne Huid to be baneshit without the toune till [further] advyss. III 86.

23 March 1647.

The said day Jeane Jonstoune is onlyit in fourtie shillingis for wessing clothes at the channell within the Chanrie.

The said day it is statuit ordeanit that all bearreris of peittis that beis channellit and gottine taking away thair nichtbouris peittis within the commone moss salbe benashit out of the toune.

The said day it is statuit and ordeanit that no man cast peittis within the commone moss bot onlie heritouris and Indwelleris within the said citie. III 87.

20 May 1647.

The said day the cassies about the commoune wall and the cassies going to the brig of Done ar ordeanit to be put up and mendit wpone the commoune charges of the toune. III 88.

The said day it is statuit and ordeanit that everie ricking hous within the toune sall pey to Johne Kilgour for ringing of the fyve houris and nyne houris bell tua shillingis. III 88.

11 JUNE 1647.

The said day it is statuit and ordeanit be the bailzies and counsall That the toune salbe divydit in four pairtis for visiting of the seik th^r^in, and that ther salbe chossine four honest men to be visitoris and that they sall visit everie hous within th^r^ awne quarteris and gif ther diligence to the bailzies of the said toune and to that effect chossit Williame Cuming to be visitior fra Alex^r^ Spalding his duelling hous to Williame Hayis hous on bothe the sydis of the gait Williame Lin visitior fra Williame Hayis hous to Thomas Merser bailzie's hous, Thomas Angus visitor fra Johne Andersone decane of the tailzeor croft his hous, to Dauid Jonstounes hous, and Johne Farquhar of Norane to be visitor fra the said Dauid Jonstounes hous for the haill Chanrie and chaplenes, and that the said visitoris sall tak wp the naimes of everie familie within thair divisioune and that if they pleas to tak any honest man to go with tham for doing of thair diligence. III 89.

3 JULY 1647.

The said day it is statuit be the bailzies that ther salbe nae publict meiting or conventioune in taveranes for bying of wyne or aill in respect of the plaige without licence of the bailzies wnder the pain of Ten poundis toties quoties. III 89.

The said day it is statuit be the bailzies and Counsell that ther salbe ane wetche withine the toune for keiping of the samen striklie for fear of the plaige and for keeping of the said wetche ther salbe chossine sex capitanes within the toune and they to choiss ther awine officieris and the wetche to begin at four houris efter none and to continow till fours efter none therefter and sua furthe according to the tyme of the yeir.

The said day it is statuit and ordeanit that na women or bairnes go to the toune of Abd. under the paine of banishment and that na man go to Aberdene without ane speciall varrand frome the bailzies under the paine of Twentie poundis and tyning of thair fredome and putting thaim out of the toune in respect of the great plaige withine the toune.

The said day it is statuit and ordeanit that na croftisman quhat-

someewer, wobster tailzeor hemmerman and uther croftis quhatsumewer sall reseawe na yearne or clothe or any uther wark out of the toune under the paine of tuentie poundis and discharging of thair fredome and puting tham out of the toune in respect of the plaige.

The said day the bailzies and counsall discharges all publict mercat selling or bying at the mercat cross of the said Citie or aney open mercat under the paine of confiscatioune of ther geir that beis sold during the bailzies and counsall ther further advyssment. III 90.

25 September 1647.

The said day James Moddanes Smithe duelling beyond the cassies having abussit and molestit Thomas Merser bailzie doing his office and drawing of ane dirk to him the said James being takin and puttine within the stokis in ward and having lyne thair tua nightis and tua dayis The said provest and bailzies having considderatioune of the said James his wyff and bairnes, onlyit and decernit the said James to pey to the theasaurer for the veill of the toune Tuentie poundis To sit at the market cross within the stokis during the pleasure of the said Thomas Merser and efter he be releivit not to come within the citie againe till pasche nixt during the provest and bailzies pleasure and Williame Elleis elder vobster becam cautioner to the toune for the said Tuentie poundis. III 93.

10 April 1648.

The said day it is ordeanit that ane privie Inquest sall be had throuche the toune and that thair sall be choissine sexteine honest men to that effect being sworne and sic Infamous men or vomen that beis fund within the toune salbe removit presentlie efter the Inquest. III 96.

The said day it is statut and ordeanit that na man or vomen sall be seine going on the streattis on the Sabbothe day under the paine of fyve lib. III 97.

13 June 1648.

The said day it is ordeanit that ilk reider that is learnit to reid within the Musick schoole sall pay to the doctor thairof thrie schillings four penneis during the vill of the provest and bailzies of the toune. III 100.

21 August 1648.

The said day comperit Johne Forbes bailzie and producit the tounes charter grantit be King James the fourt concerning the liberties of the toune of Old Abd and desyrit he be freed of any former act of reset thairof conteanit in this buik quhilk richt vas putt in in ane publict box maid for the tounes weill and vtilitie.

The said day it is ordeanit that na kaill sellar or dilse sellar sall go to the toune of Abd to sell the samen but only to the Cross of the Old Toune vnder the paine of five pundis toties quoties. III 101.

9 December 1648.

The said day it is ordeanit that forsameikill as thair is ane horsman to be put out and for help of the Laird of Shiwes and that the tounes pairt will extend to the sowne of ane hundreth and aucht merks thairfor the Toune to be stentit thairfor and stent maisteris choissine to that effect viz :—Thomas Angus Wm Lin George Cuming Heidlie Adame Wm Cumings Wm Knolls Johne Mutrey Wm Vobster and they that peyis not thair dew stents stentit in tyme sall be quartered wpon. III 103.

3 May 1649.

The said day it is ordeanit that ilk hors or beist that is fund amongst his nichtbouris corne or girse sall pey fyve libs. to the veill of the toune and fourtie pennies for ilk fit to the pairtie damnifiet. III 105.

10 October 1649

The said day Alexander Schand tuik the small customes within the toune for the spaice of ane yeir for the quhilk the said Alex^r obleist him to pey to the veill of the toune fourtie merkis of money and to furnes all misseris and vechtis on his awine charges and expenses as is done within the toune of Aberdene and the said Alex^r at his removing to keip the said misseris and vechtis to himself or quhosoever tuik the said customes sould pey sic pryces to the said Alexander as the said Alex^r peyit for himself. III 109.

29 October 1649.

The said day Alexander Gordone provest vas choissine for keeping of the command box and the tounes vreitties thairin quho acceptit the samen on him and choissit Mr Johne Lundie Johne Forbes Thomas Merser and Thomas Angus keiper of the keyis. III 110.

28 January 1650.

The said day the counsall of Old Aberdene being convenit and in name of the rest of the haill Inhabitantis of Old Aberdene be thir pntis. inactis thaimselfis to varrand frie releve and skaithles keip Johne Forbes bailzie in Old Abd of and concerning ane band and obligatioune maid and subscrivit be the said Johne Forbes to Robert Leidbeiter on the sowme of thrie hundrethe poundis scottis money quhilk wes for the pryce of threttie muscattis bandeleiris pudder ball and metche conforme and that becaus the saidis muscattis bandeleiris pudder metche and ball as saidis is was delyverit to the habitants of the citie of Old Aberdene for defence of the countrey againes the Ereis rebellis and wnnaturall countrey men in September jai sex hundrethe fourtie four yieres, And trew it is that Maister Williame Raitt lait bailzie in Old Abd hes takine assignatioune of the forsaid band, and hes raissit letteris of horning thairon aganes the said Johne Forbes and intendes to chairge compell and caus the said Johne Forbes to pey the forsaid sowme—for prevening of the forsaid chairge and peyment of the forsaid sowme of thrie hundrethe pound the said Johne Forbes hes raissit suspentioune, and hes found Thomas Angus in Old Abd his cautioner, And trew it is that the said Amonitioune ves takine vp for the service of the countrey. The forsaid counsaloris vnder-subserywing in name of the said Toune Bindis and obleisses tham and thair successoris to warrand defend and manteine the said Johne Forbes and Thomas Angus thair airis and executouris of the forsaid band and suspentioune, and of all that hes followit or may follow thairon, the said Johne Forbes and Thomas Angus peying pairt and pairt lyk withe the forsaides counsaleris and commounitie as said is of the said soume of thrie hundrethe pound or any pairt thairof that sall happine to be evickit. III 111.

April 1650.

The said day the haill inhabitants of the said toune being convenit and being desyrit be the provest and bailzies to reseave the proportionall

pairt reservit be the bailzies fra the schouldioris quarterit within the toune according to the schouldioris billiets. The haill inhabitantis refussit to reseave peyment bot villinglie gave the said moneyis and dischairgit the samen to the veill of the toune and for helping of thair chairges and expenses in the mantenence and chairgis debursit be the magistratis for the veill and vtilitie of the said citie. III 113.

30 August 1650.

Vpon the penult day of August 1650 compeirit Thomas Angus and gaue in his countis bothe charge and discharge vith the intromission of the skoole muneys contributions thairto vnlayis custom silver and borrowit muneys quhilk he resevit for putting vp of the skoole, as also gaue in his countis bothe charge and discharge of the hors and foote levies preseiding quhilk countis ves givin in vpone the said day befor Williame Cumingis Williame Lind Thomas Orum vith oursicht of Thomas Merser balzie conforme to the act aboue vrettine quho hes fund the said Thomas Angus honestlie dischairgit of all his former intromissions preseiding the dait heirof and findis the toune of Old Abd restand to the said Thomas Angus of hors and foote levies tuentie sex pundis thrie shillingis four penneis and thair vill be restand of the skoole debursementis tuentie ane pund seven shillingis five penneis and that efter exact count and reckning being takine vith the forsaid countis. We declar the above vrettine premises to be of treuthe In testimonie quhairof we hawe subscrivit thir presentis with our handis as also we provost and bailzies undersubscryving does heirby humolugat and alow the forsaidis haill countis both chargis and dischairgis takine vp be the forsaidis persons and dischargis the said Thomas Angus thairof be this present licence and of all other preceiding countis befor the daitt heirof At Old Abd the last day of August 1650 yeirs. III 115.

22 September 1652.

The said day ane woman called Margrat Strachan being apprehendit and accussed as ane notorious comon theif for braiking of Johnne Levie tailzeor in Old Abd his hous at the eiffing thairof with ane gryt knyf and tuik out of the said hous sundrie clothes perteining toe sundrie peopell this was doone betuixt tuelff and ane in the nicht and taiken back againe from hir quhilk dittie shoe hes confessit and con-

fessit that Williame Muer and his wyf was airt and pairt of all hir doeingis for the quhilk caus shoe is referrit to ane assys the names of the assysers ar Androw Barker Alex[r] Airthe Robert Andersoune Thomas Wylye George Cuming Williame Wobster Johnne Baverley Gilbert Forsay Johnne Sumner Gilbert Walker Johnne Leask William Andersoun Henrie Adame Williame Orum James Hervie Georg Gibsoun The said day the haill assyseres in ane voice be the mowthe of George Cuming thair chancellor hes conveicted the said Margrat Strachane as ane notorious theife for the quhilk caus the bailzies foirsaid hes ordanit the said Margrat Strachan to be scourgit be James Andersoune hangman throw the haill toune of Old Abd betuixt the churche and the spittall hiell and give ever shoe beis fund in the said toune in any tyme thairefter to be drunit without doome or law. III 134.

9 October 1653.

As also the said bailzies cunsell and toune hes sett the loche toe Williame Cumingis and Patrik Steven till Michelmes nixt Jai vi[c] feftie thre yeirs and sould pey for the samen aucht pundis at Witsonday nixt as also the bailzies cunsell and toune hes assinged toe Alexander Sandisoune thair clark the entress moneyes and brew customes to be vplifted be him or till his vse ay and quhill he be peyit of fourtie merkis money for two yeirs service by past and tuantie merkis yeirlie in tyme cuminge during his servic.

As also the said bailzies and counsell hes ordanit and ordanes in all tymes cuming that no deacon of treadis be chossen without the boundis of the said toune. III 135.

6 June 1653.

The said day compeired Johnne Forbes and Thomas Merser delyverit and producit the haill wrettis with thair awin dispositiounes quhilk belongis to the customes with ane charter granted be King James the fourt for the privelieges of the said toune with ane band put in since granted be Capitane Williame Nilsoune contining the sowme of three score ten merkis prin[l] sowmes the quhilk boix and wreittis and two keyis to be keiped be the persounes efter following to witt:—Thomas Merser bailzie to keip ane key Thomas Orum ane vther and William Lynne to keip the boix till Michalmes nixt and qua evir keips the samen heireftir

sall be ane responsall heritour within the toune according toe the dispositioune the quhilk boix wrettis and keyes we the saids persounes grantis every ane of ws the resait therof everi ane for our awin pairtis and obleisses ws to haue the samen furth cummand at Michalmes nixt or quhen they sall be requyret be the cunsell and toune. III 138.

30 June 1653.

The said day the bailzies cunsell and town foirsaid decernit and ordanit Johnne Lyall to pey tuantie shillingis for refuissing bailzie Wm. Gordoune to go [to] Enveruri with his hors toe carry baigege to the English camp conforme toe the ordoure. III 140.

1 August 1653.

The said day anent the complent given in againes Johnne Forbes lait bailzie in Old Abd for casting of muck feall in the loche thairfoire the said Johnne Forbes and the haill inhabitantes in the toune obleisses themselvis in all tymes heirefter not toe cast any heirefter vnder the paine of ane hundrethe pundis. III 141.

19 August 1654.

The said day the baillies Counsell and remanent Inhabitantes of the said burgh all in ane voyce dischargit Alexander Sandisone notar ther court clerk and that in respect of ane former meitting haldine be the saidis baillies counsell trades and remanent inhabitantes of the said burgh in accussing the said Alexander for som miscarriage of his office of Clerkschip being intrusted to him be them and efter his accusatione he obleidgit himself to denude him of his office of clerkschip if they could mak it good against him and at lenth efter certaine tryell and inquisitione . . . . . fund . . . . . werifeir and prowine be the saidis baillies . . . . . of ther meitting and therfor conforme to his awin obleidgement They as said is dischargit him and declairit his place to be vaceant and at the dispossall of the saidis baillies counsell and remanent Inhabitantis of the said burgh and ordainit treyell to be maid for ane to succeid in his place for serveing of them in the said office. III 154.

21 October 1654.

The said day the baillies and remanent of the said counsell hes statut and ordainit and be thir pnts. statutis and ordaines in all tyme cuming That everie mane and womane servant within ther jurisdictione sall six weikes befoir everie feist and terme of Witsonday and Martimes give lawfull and tymous advertisment to ther maisters or maistresses quhither they intend to remaine with ther saids maisters or maistresses quhairby they and ilk ane of them may hawe tymous advertisment for provoyding for ilk ane of them Otherwayes the servant quhither he be man or wyff that makis not advertisment in maner abowe writtine It is heirby declairit that they sall be haldine as ane conducit servant for the terme to cum alwayes in the optione of ther saids maisteres or maistresses and that under the paine of ten pundis money or alse great ane soume as they meight hawe had the forsaid terme to be upliftit vnforgivin.

The said day the baillies and counsell forsaid hes statut and ordainit That if ever Johne Poak be fund in tyme cuming to curse sueire or any maner of way to perturb or molest maister Williame Douglas professor in Auld Abd. or any within the toune then and in that cais imediatlie therefter it is and sall be leasome for them as magestratis of the said burgh with consent of Johne Muttray in Auld Abd to caus the said Johne Poak to remove therfra at any tyme and in lyk maner Compeirit the said Johne Poak and consentit and declaires that it sall be leisome for them as said is to eject him his wyf and famelie without any other formallatie of Law or justice quhatsomewer and oblissis him newer to opung in the contrar. III 157.

6 January 1655.

The said day it is statut and ordainet be the saids baillies and counsell that evrie mane quha hes payit his entrie for libertie of the said burgh and hes not gottine the act of fridom sall goe to Alexander Murray our court clerk and extract samen for ther awine vse And these quha wes maid friemane befor in the tyme of Alexander Sandisone and is not buikit as yet It is heirby statut and ordainit comanding the said Alexander Murray to extend the saids persones ther actis the day and dait of thir pntis. provyding they and ilk ane of them approw they hawe payit ther entrie money or give the said clerk ane lyne vnder the hand

of the thesaurer or some of the counsell and no otherwayes and ordaines them to pay the said Alex^{r} for his paines.

The said day the heretable dispositone made and grantit be Alexander Gordone of Birsmor Thomas Merser baillie Johne Forbes of Suailend and vthers (quha had the reight flowing from vmquhill James Cruickshank therin ther persones and in name and behalff of the haill inhabitantis maid vpon the customes and meassors of the said burgh wes presentit be Thomas Orame dicone conveinor of the said burgh for himselff and in name and behalf of the haill inhabitantis in presence of the saids baillies and counsell and therefter publictlie red in presence of them all for giveing the inhabitantis contentment for the tyme and therefter desyrit be the said Thomas Orram that the samen sould be put within the Tounes commone box and keipit ther in all tyme cuming for the vse and weill of the said burgh and thervpon and vpon productione of the samen tuik act and instrument in the handis of me notar publict under subscryuand. III 165.

6 January 1655.

At Auld Aberdein the sixt day of January J^{m} vi^{c} fyftie fywe yeares Compeirit Thomas Orame cordoner dicon coneveiner of Auld Aberdeine for himself and in name and behalff of the rest of the haill Inhabitants and gawe in the dispositioune wnderwrittine (In presence of Johne Forbes Allexander and Williame Gordounes baillies and reminent of the counsell of the said burgh frequentlie conveinit in ther ordinar place of meitting and desyrit the said dispositione to be insert and registrat in ther Court buik therin to remaine perpetuallie in all tyme cuming in maner therin contenit Quhilk desyre the saids baillies and counsell thought reasonable and therfor hes ordainit and ordaines the said dispositione to be insert and registrat in the saidis buikis in maner wnder speit. quhairof the tenor followes att Auld Aberdeine the tuentie day of Apryll Jaj vi^{c} and fyftie thrie yeares The quhilk day Alexander Gordone of Birsmor then provost of the cittie of Auld Aberdein Thomas Merser and Williame Gordone present baillies Johne Forbes laitt baillie and the remnent counsell of the said citie being conveined all in counsell exponit and declarit that wmq^{ll} James Cruikschank burges of Aberdein be his letters of dispositione of the dait at Old Aberdein the fourteine day of December Jaj vi^{c} fourtie sevine yeares Mackand mentione that

quhair the said Alexander Gordone of Birsmor and present provost the said Johne Forbes then of Sualend wmq^ll^ maister Johne Lundie humanest and the said Thomas Merser then baillies therof hawe payit and delyuerit to the said vmq^ll^ James Cruikschank the soum of thrie hundreth and fyftie merks scotis money for themselffis and in name and behalff of the citiners of the said citie and therfor disponit to and in favors of the said provost baillies counsell and communatie of the said citie of Auld Aberdein and ther successores then and in all tymes cuming heretablie and irredimablie without any reversione redemptione or regrase all and haill the customes of the said citie of Auld Aberdein sick as firlotis peckes and all other meassors quhatsomever with all and sundrie the proffits deuties and commodities of the samen then heretablie pertaining to the said James Cruikschank and assignet them to his haill reightis of the samen and becaus the said Alexander Gordon then provost Johne Forbes vmq^ll^ maister Johne Lundie and the said Thomas Merser present baillies for the weill helping and supleing of the common good of the said toun hef of ther awine moneys payit to the said vmq^ll^ James Cruikschank the soume of thrie hundreth and fyftie merks money for the heritabl reight of the saids customes the vpleifting quhairof thair entrie wes at Meichalmes preceiding and therfor the said vmq^ll^ James Cruikschank assignit them to the haill brewe customes preceiding of the brewers and sellers of malt and drink restand to him be the Inhabitants excepting as is therein exceptit, and gawe them powr to mell therwith yearlie and quhill they were satisfiet of the said soume and therefter the reight of the saids customes to remaine heretablie for ewer with the said toune of Old Aberdein and the said provost and baillies being payit to renunce and discharge all reight they could pretend therto in all tyme therefter as the saids Lres. of dispositione of the dait forsaid containing ane precept of seasing be wertew quhairof they ar infeft and seasit in the saids customes in itselff at lenth proportis And seing with the said brew customes and vther customes payit be the said citicenes of the forsaid citie the soume of thrie hundrethe and fyftie merks is compleitlie payit to the saids persones advancers therof, quhairof they grant them satisfiet and for them ther exors. and assigneyes Renunces and discharges all titell and reight they haw or may pretend to the said customes be wertew of the said assignatione maid be the said James Cruikschank to them for ther

securitie of the said soume in maner forsaid in all tyme cuming And now seing the said Alexander Gordon Johne Forbes and Thomas Merser is releivit of the forsaid soume of thrie hundreth and fyftie merks for the saids customes and vther soumes quhairin they stood ingadgit for the said toune and for the weill therof Thairfor the said Alex^r Gordone of Birsmore Johne Forbes and Thomas Merser be thir presentis Dispones fra them ther aires exors. and assigneyes to and in favore of the said toune of Old Aberdein counsell and communitie therof (themselffes no wayes being excludit) all and haill the customes firlot peck and vther meassors haill proffits and commodities of the custome of Old Aberdein and brew custome therof to remaine heretable and for ever with the said toune of Old Aberdein as ane pairt of ther commone good, to be imployit vpon necessar common warks and the saids customes and casuallities onlawes or vthers quhatsomever pertaining to the said toune to be put in ane box haveing tua keyes delyuerit in custodie to tua heritors of the said citie to be chosine be commone consent of the said counsell of the said citie and communatie the on being ane traidsman and the other ane loborer or husbandmane And that the securities of the saids customes and all other priviledges belanging to the said citie be puttine in within the said box and the said box to be keipit be ane responsabl heritore of the said toune be haweing not ane key therof and the said common good being puttine in the said box the samen to be imployit for the weill of the said toune commone wark and suppleing of the po[or] of the said citie and that be advyce of the counsell and cu̅munitie of the said citie And oblisses ws undersubscryueing to warrand this our dispositione guid valed and sufficient from our awine proper fact and deid allenerlie and that we hawe not done nor sall not doe any fact or deid hurtfull or prejudicall heirto And ordaines thir presentis to be keipit within the said box and the samen to be insertit in the court buiks of Old Aberdein ther to remaine perpetuallie in all tyme cuming In witness quhairof the said Alexander Gordon Johne Forbes and Thomas Merser hes subscryuit thir pnts. with ther handis (writtine be Thomas Angus vyver in Old Aberdein day and yeare and plaice forsaid befor thir witnesses Patrick Gordone of Gordones Milne Alexander Leslie in Old Aberdein the said Thomas Angus wryter heirof subscryuit thus A Gordone T Merser Jhone Forbes Wm Gordone baillie George Cuming Witnes Wm Johnstone Witnes J Gordone witnes A Leslie

witnes Thomas Angus wryter and witnes Jo: Moutray witnes Alexander Sandisōne witnes.

And I Alexander Murray notar publict testifies that the dispositioune aboue writtine with my awin hand is the just doubell of the principall dispositioune and colationed be me and Thomas Angus above designit in presence of the baillies and counsell of the said burgh word be word upon the forsaid sixt day of Januar J^{m} vi^{c} fyftie fywe yeares be this my subscriptioune manuall.

A Murray N.P. clk. III 172.

23 July 1655.

The said day anent the charge givine be Frances Irving of Hiltoune to the persones efter mentionet for finding of sufficient cautione that the moss or marish of Pervinnies or at leist sua much therof as properlie belonges to the said Frances sall not be trublit nor molestit in tyme cuming no utherwayes nor as accordis of the law They ar to say Dauid Jonstone Johne Lyell Alex^{r} Fyff Johne and Andro Nicoelles Robert Andersone James Andersone Williame Andersone and Patrick Stewine Gilbert Beawerlay Jon Beaverlay yor Johne Smyth and . . . relict of the deceist Collonell George Forbes That they and ilk ane of them sall be bund and obleist and be thir pnts. bindis and obleisses them and ilk ane of them conjunctlie and severalie to bind and inact them selffes and ilk ane of them to be bund for vthers and inactit in the Shereff buiks of Aberdein for setting of the forsd. cautione therein to ansuer the said Frances Irving as accordes of the lawe in all tyme cuming concerning the priviledg and libertie of the moss or marish sua far as concernes our libertie.

The said day the forsaids baillies and counsell of the said burgh in name and behalff of the said burgh and cummunitie of the samen with consent and assent of the haill Inhabitantis and cummunitie abowe writtine hes statut and ordainit and be thir pnts. statuts and ordaines to scott and loat with the forsaids persones in defence of the abowe writtine priviledges against the sd. Frances Irving and his successores anent the mantining of the samen sua far as law will. III 175.

4 AUGUST 1655.

The quhilk day anent the bill of complent givine in be Daniell Housin hozor against Mr Johne Seatone minister in Auld Abd and . . . Forbes his spous quhairby the said . . . Forbes did aledge be the instigatione of the persones efter namet that the sd. Daniell had takin away som clothes out of ane garding in Auld Aberdein and efter lang inquisitione takine of the persones quho as the sd. . . . Forbes did aledge did sie the said Daniell tak the sds. Clothes . . . Ther depositiones as efter followes to witt:—Jeane Blinshell servitor to Williame Cumingis in Old Abd depones that she saw tua souldiours cum ouer the dyck but could not depon that it wis the said Danniell Item Janet Buchane servitor to the said Williame Cumingis that Mr Johne Seatones wyff desyrit hir to say as she sould say and being in faice of the said fencit court she declarit it oppenlie in faice of the said Mr Johne Seatone and his said spous Quhilk contrawersie efter lang disputatione he saids baillies and counsell would not undertak But all in on voyce emittit the samen back to the commissar of Abd or any vther judges compitent and that in respect of the intricatnes of the bussines. III 177.

22 SEPTEMBER 1655.

The said day the baillies and reminent of the counsell hes statut and ordainit and be thir pnts. stautis and ordaines that what ever persone or persones that brewes malt and selles aille and not abell to carie ther proportione of souldours taxatione or any vther impositione that the said counsell sall happine to impose vpon theme for the weill of the said toune they refusand to doe the samen ther brew weschell to be brokine and siclyk to be fyned as the counsell sall think fitt And they dischargeit from brewing in any tyme heirefter. III 178.

4 SEPTEMBER 1655.

The said day the forsaid baillies and counsell hes statut and ordainit and be thir presentis statutis and ordaines that evrie freman that sall happine to be receavit within this burgh in all tyme cuming befor he be admitted sall find sufficient cautione actit in the tounes buiks of Auld Aberdeine that he sall scott lott watch ward and be abill to carie burding with the said toune in evrie maner of way or then not to be admittit frieman of the said burgh And if it happine him efter

his admittione to faillie in the performance of the abowe writtine premisses thene he to disist from the occupatione of his calling and he and his cautioner to be lyabell to the censsor of the counsell of the said burgh with all it sall be leassome to the baillies and counsell to cause ther officer poynd for any bygaine transgratione comittit be the said friemane.

The said day it is statut and ordainet that whatever persone or persones goes to the moss croshill or any vther pairt or pairtis quhair it sall happine the inhabitantis of the said burgh to cast peittis fewall faill or dovat and mells intromittis and takis away ony pairt therof sall be persewit criminalie befor the judge compitent for the haill peittis fewall and vthers forsaids that sall be wanting that yeare by and attour the cencor and fyne both in persone and meines that the baillies and counsell sall afflict vpon them efter the legal probatione therof. III 179.

The said day anent the bill of complent guivne in be Williame Frieman in Old Aberdeine against George Gibsone condoner ther and Margraet Fyff his spous shaweing that whair ther wes ane conventione of the haill cittie of Auld Aberdein for goeing to the shor of new Aberdein for helping of the publict work ther The said George Gibsone compeirit and declairit the devill brak his neck that went that woyadge for the best in the toune to the whilk it wes ansuerit be the said Wm Lyn if he wer ane baillie he wold mak him goe and none other, vhairupon the said George callit him false knawe and loune and gawe the said Wm Lyne the lie with other obreding words provine be the witnesses efter namet to wit Johne Baverlay shoomaker James Beaverlay Wm Jonstone y^or^ Wm Allan and Williame Wobster frieman all induellers in the said burgh declairs the samen to be of weritie Efter the reiding of the said bill the baillies and counsell continows the cencor of the said George Gibsone till the nixt Court Day And with all amercietis the said Margrat Forsyth his spous in the soume of four punds scotis money and that for calling the said Wm Lyn and his company fals trators land loupers's loune and knave and in taking ane chandler in hir hand and sueire be the Lord's wundis she sould cleive the said Wm Lyne to the teith all whilk is provine be the witnesses efter namet to witt Johne Coutis wreight Robert Browne glover Wm Forssyth smith Wm Wobster Wm Jonstoune elder and James Johnstone y^our^ smith frieman in Old Abd whilk four pund is to be presentlie

payit vnder the doubleing of it and that for hir out-breading and scaulding wordis quhilk is for the vse of the said toune.

The said day it is statut and ordainit be the said counsell that if it can be provine vpon any that hes mellit or intromittit with the dailles in the gardhous or hes coft or recept any from souldioris they sall be maid lyabell for the haill dailles that is takine away out of the said gard and persewit criminalie by and attout the fyne the toune sall impose upon them. III 180.

9 October 1655.

The said day the baillies and counsell hes statut and ordainit that ther sall be ane counsell haldine in the said toune once everie moneth in the yeare And that vpon the first Saturnday of the moneth preceislie and that for desyding of all contrawersies amongest the Inhabitentis of the said burgh in all tyme heirefter for ther better regulatione. III 184.

22 October 1655.

The said day the baillies and counsell haweing takine to consideratione the perturbatione that wes maid at Michal-day last 1655 in the said toune anent the chusing of the dicon conveiner of the said toune Thairfor they hawe statut and ordained and be thir pntis. statutis and ordaines in all tyme cuming for the speace of fyve yeares efter the dait heirof ffor ilk traid to hawe the dicon conveinership yeare for yeare about for the said speace of fywe yeares and no langer without the permissione of the baillies and counsell of the said burgh and for that effect the haill traids ar content and acceptis of the samen and obleisses them to stand thereto. III 184.

5 July 1656.

The said day Mr George Clerk baillie and the deicone conveiner to speik the Sessione on Munday nixt for compositione for lofting of the scholl. III 190.

11 October 1656.

The said day the forsaids baillies In presence of the haill counsell and communitie of the said burgh being frequentlie conveined within the Church of Auld Aberdein caled Auld Sainct Machare (in that pairt of

the kirk vnder the Reid Loft) demittit themselffes of ther charge and office of baillierie and desyrit the said counsell and communitie to ellect nominat and chuse baillies for the nixt enseweing yeare J^{m} vi^{c} fyftie sevine yeares whilk wes done in presence of maister Johne Row principall of the Colledg of Auld Aberdein.

Lyk as it was woycit efter the forsaid demissione in presence of the said maister Johne Row if ther sould be ane chaing in ellectioune of baillies vtherwayes nor formerlie whilk being voycit it wes declairit that ther sould be no chaing be the graitest pairt of the counsell and cumunitie but keip the ordinar course in ellecting the baillies as hes bein in vse and wont past memorie of man. III 194.

5 May 1657.

The said day Gilbert Beaverlay Wm Cumines and James Barnet hes takine the tounes loch for the yeare to cum and hes obliest them to leid morter to the vse of the new scholl and meitting hous of the said toune at the comand of Jon Coutis dicon conveiner of the said toune for the whilkis the said Jon oblisses him to allow the soume of six pund 13 shilling 4d in the first end of his accompt with the toune for payment therof. III 197.

2 June 1657.

The said day the baillie counsell and haill Inhabitentis of the samen both frie and vnfrie being frequentlie conveined within the Sessione hous of Auld Sainct Machare as at that tyme ther ordiner pleace of meitting be the hand bell of the said burgh and efter some discource past amongest them anent Frances Irving of Hiltone his distroyeing of ther peities fewall faill and dovet castine in the marish of Pervinish be them the said yeare Therfor the haill baillies counsall and cumunitie of the said toune of Auld Aberdein hes inacted and be thir pntis. inactis themselffes in all tyme cuming efter the dait heirof to stand abyd defend and mantaine the said priviledg or marish of Pervinesh and to contrabuit for the samen and to stent and impose impositiones both on frie and vnfrie according to ther abillatie for mantaining of the samen alse oft as neid beis and for that effect hes nominat and ordanit the persones efter designit to be stent maisters to stent the said toune for the defence therof to wit Johne Coutis pnt. dicon conveiner Thomas

Oram lait dicon conveiner David Jonstone Thomas Angus Christipher Scaiff Wm Cumines Wm Drum Gilbert Beaverlay James Tailzour Patrik Steuvine and Wm Simsone laborer with over seight of Wm Gordone baillie and that they meitt peremtorlie betuixt fywe and six in the morning within the new counsell hous or clerks chalmer the third day of May nixt at the time appoyntit and bindis and oblisses them and ther successores to stand and abyd at the haill tenor of the abowe writtine act and for that effect hes ordained our clerk of court to subscryue the same in our names.

18 July 1657.

The said day the baillie and counsell ordaines the holl Inhabitantis of the said toune to meitt be fywe hours in the morning at the snow kirk the tuentie day of July with spedes, barrous horss and creilles to goe to the Sand wark of New Aberdein ane man or woman at leist out of everie hous and that wnder the paine of 3 lib toties quoties to cum to the vse of the commone good of the said toune of Auld Abd. III 199.

8 October 1657.

The said day Williame Line theasurer maid compt reockning and payment to the said toune of the hundreth merkis indebted and intromittit with be him left in legacie be the deceist Mr George Clerk laitt baillie of the said toune for the vse and vtillatie of the said cittie Thairfor the said baillie counsell and cumunitie of the said toune exoners and discharges the said Wm Line theasurer therof and oblisses them and ther successores provost baillies counsell and cumunitie of the said toune to warrand the said Wm Line his aires and successores theasurers of the said toune anent the payment of the said soume of ane hundreth merkis at all hands and against all deidlie and to be betuixt him and them and all dainger and for that effect we wndersubscryuand hawe subscryuit this pntis. with our handis Wm Gordoun ballzie A. Gordoun Thomas Orvme Wm Wobster Thomas Angus Johnne Herwie Georg Cuming. III 203.

The said day Alexander Chrystile servitor to Johne Coutis dicon conveiner is ordanit to gett his freidom act grattis and that for his assisting and working at the new tolbuith or Clerks Chamber. III 204.

17 OCTOBER 1657.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that everie counseler that gettis lau[ll] admonitione and stayes away from the court he sall pay for the first falt 6s 8d and the second tyme 13s. 4d. and the third tyme to be put aff the counsell absolutlie and vther men chosine in ther pleaces provyding they haw not ane lau[ll] excuise And not to hawe voyce in ellectione the nixt yeare. III 205.

The said day the baillies and counsell hes statut and ordainit and be thir pnts. statutis and ordaines that whatsomever persone or persones sall dissobey the baillies constables or toune officers haweand lau[ll] comand from them for that effect sall be laid hand on and caried to ward and ther remaine dureing the baillies pleasor by and attour the paying of fywe pund scotis befor they cum forth therof and to mak ther publict repentance at the marcat cross. III 206.

27 MARCH 1658.

The said day it wes inactit that no man nor womane nether on horss nor foot sould past doune that Rod or valk caled the Reades rod lyand on the eist sid of the burgh of Abd in prejudice of Jon Cassie heritabell propreiter therof efter the dait heirof vnder the paines followeing to witt, ilk horsmane womane or chyld vnder the paine of 6s 8d scotis to be payit be them for the tounes vse and ilk footman 3s 4d. III 207.

5 JUNE 1658.

I Williame Hay schoollmaister in Old Abd grant me to hawe receavit the soume of tuentie merkis vsuall scotis money from the baillies of Old Abd in name and behalff of the haill toune dewe be them to me and that in pairt of payment of my fie dew be them and that for witsonday J[m] vi.[c] fyftie eight yeires and be thir pnts. for me my aires exors and successores discharges the saids baillies in name and behalff of the said toune and ther successores therof and of all that I can ask or crawe from them since my entrie be this my acquitance sub[t] with my hand At Old Abd the seventh day of October 1658. yeares. III 209.

3 NOVEMBER 1658.

The said day the baillies and counsell of the said toune taking to consideratione the great abuise of mettis and missurs within the samen

vsit both befrie and vnfrie these dyvers yeares bygone without any notice takine therof They thairfor in the first pleace ordaines ilk man and womane within the said toune haweing quart, pynt, chopin mutchkine or halff mutchkine wodine stoupes to bring them to ther ordiner meitting pleace of the said toune to the effect they meight be tryed and mett with Flanders missures and non of them to carie mor nor vthers according to ther missure, And these who are mor nor they sould be according to the forsaid Flanders weightis ordanit to be brockine and brunt at the marcat cross And these who hes less misurs and selles aille beare or any vther liquor therwith or siclyk to be brockine and brunt and the persones ovners therof to be punished according to the counsells order for ther falshood. III 211.

26 March 1659.

The said day Williame Hay Mr of the muisick scholl hes takine the commone Loch from the counsell frae the dait heirof to this tyme tuelff moneth payand therfor the said yeare ten mark scotis money the on halff at witsonday nixt and the vther halff at Martimes therefter And for ilk beast that falles in the Loch the said Wm hes powar to exact six sh. aught pennies therfor. III 213.

13 August 1659.

The said day anent ane conventione of the haill Inhabitentis of the toune and the most pairt of the said toune being convenit in ther ordinar pleace of meitting within the new Schooll hous The suit Roll of the said toune being callit It wes demandit be the baillies and counsell quhither or not they and ilk ane of them wold stand and abyd be the said toune that is to say in watching warding scotting loatting and quartering and all vther publict burdingis The haill Inhabitentis therof condesendit to doe the samen except the persones efter named to wit Johne Leith couper Williame Sandisone glover John Milne vyver Alex^r Peirie vywer Andro Jaffray Wm Black Williame Andersone shoomaker Patrik Clerk flesher Jon Irving flesher James Andersone flesher Johne Andersone flesher and therfor the haill baillies and counsell dischargit them and ilk ane of them from haweing any benefit or conventione with any of the rest of the traid of ther calling and to lose any benefit or equallitie that they had of the said toune freidome and libertie therof in

all tyme coming for ther contamacie until such tyme they and everie [one] of them buy their freidome and libertie of new againe And in tokine therof ordanit this act to be insert in ther tounes buiks and subscryuit be ther commone clerk to remaine in all tyme coming. III 215.

29 August 1659.

The said day James Thomsone wright wes admittit frieman of the said burgh be the baillies and counsell of the said burgh gratis for the lowe and favor of ther pastor Mr Alexander Scrogie his inbringer with all he oblisses him not to extortione non within the said burgh be his wark and in caise ther be any wariance betuixt him and them he oblisses him to reffer the contrauersie to be decydit be the dicone and maisters of the traid with our seight of the baillies for the tyme. III 216.

14 January 1660.

The said day the Baillies and counsell hes ordainit the persones efter named to goe through the haill toune of Auld Abd. and freidom therof and to tak notice of ilk housholder how and what traid they are of and what way they may leive and to mak report of ther dilligence to the saids Baillies betuixt this and the sixtein day of Jarij 1660 yeares They are to say Williame Wobster George Allane and Williame Angus these thrie to goe togider Item Jon Sumer Jon Leask and George Cuming these thrie togider Item Andro Baird Alex^r Orram and Patrik Steivine these thrie togider and for the discharging ther honest deutie therintill gawe ther aithes. III 219.

3 April 1660.

The said day Jeane Nicoll inactis hirselff for hir good beheavior in all tyme comeing (and for that effect hes set Jon. Nicoll hir father cautioner for the samen) and if ever shee be fund in culpa any way heirefter shee is content to be brunt on the cheik or shoolder or whippit through the toune and newer to be sein ther againe. III 220.

19 October 1661.

The said day the Baillies forsaid hawinge conveinet the counsell and Comunitie of the said toune for the maist pairt and ther in pns. of

the haill Inhabitants of the said toun the saids Baillies with William Angus ther thesaurer did dimit and lay doun ther rex^t^ivie charges and offices and earnestlie willit and desyrit that the counsell and the communitie of the said toun wold fall vpone ane new electione quho should be qualifeit and abell persones for the glorie of God and the weill of the said plaice and therefter the haill counsell and comunitie with consent and assent of the forsaids baillies did elect nominat and choos James Gordone of Seatone Williame Johnstone of Middeltone Captaine Arthor Forbes Mr William Douglas professor of Divinitie Mr Andro Muir Doctor of Phesicke of the Kings College and baillie within the bounds of the said Colledge Mr Pat: Sandilands subprin^ll^ of the said Colledge Mr William Johnstone and Mr Georg Gordoune regents Mr Thomas Gordon in Kethocks Millne Mr Pat: Gordone of Boigholl and John Gordone in litell Millne to be vpone the Counsell for ane year to come and also to hawe full frie pour and libertie to elect absolutlie be themselwes ane corume of the tread men and wther inhabitantis of the said toune to be joynit and conexit with them as counsellers of the said burgh for ane yeare to cum for the weillfaire and prospering therof and takinge away of all debaits and annimosities within the said toune and after the forsaids persons hade tackine serious inspectione cognitione and trayell of the premisses They all in ane voice did wnanimouslie elect and joyne to themselwes the persones following to be vpoun the said counsell for ane yeare to come They ar to say Thomas Angus lait baillie Wm Logan lait baillie James Fraser Thomas Orom John Hervie John Symer George Allan John Cowtts William Smith James Taylor Pat. Stevine John Leith Henry Adame William Hay and after the forsaid electioun the haill forsaids counsellers beinge callit sume et semel to answer ther names did axcept and tacke vpone them the forsaid charge dureing the said space and gave ther severall rex^t^ive oaths for the faithfull administratioun of ther saids offices as vse is. III 225.

The said day the baillies and counsell electit and choosit the said James Fraser to be thesaurer of the saids burgh for ane yeare to cum quho sicklyke being personalie pnt. acceptit the saids office in and vpone him and gave his oath as vse is for exerceisinge of his said office As also ordainet him with convenient dilligence to put on the third locke vpone the theasurer box q^r^by James Gordone baillie suld haue on key in keeping the said doctor Mwir for the behowe of the Colledge ane

other key and on of the treads the third key and continows and ordaines the counsell to meit on Monday nixt to heir what ther majestrats hade to showe them for the weill of the said toune. III 226.

11 NOVEMBER 1661.

The said day it is ordained that no women within the toune shall wash abowe the channell for spoyling the saids watter wnder the failzie of ten merkis of euery maister that sends out his servand and the saids servands fie to be confisket if thai transgrase after declaratioun heirof be maide. III 231.

17 DECEMBER 1661.

Lykvayes it is ordained that th^r be ane meeting be the baillies and counssell euery fourtein dayes from the dait of thir pnts and that to be keepit vpon Tuysday at ten a cloak in the morning wnder the failzie forsaid. III 233.

4 FEBRUARY 1662.

As also ordained on Monday nixt beeing the 10 of februar chossen for wissitaitoun off the scooll Mr Alex^r Midelton Minister Mr Wm Dowglas professor Mr Thomas Gordon cessioners the thrie Baillies Thomas Angus Thomas Orom for the toun with som comissioners from the Colledge. III 235.

11 MARCH 1662.

The said day James Fraser thessorer is ordained to buy the drumer ane suitt of clothes with ane pair of shooes. III 237.

The said day Agnes Moir spous to John Moir glower was ordained to pay the soume of twantie s. for hir solding vpon the streates and to stand in the counssell hous till the samen be payit.

As also Cirstan Fraser is ordained to pay halff ane croun for hir scandalous walking vpon the Sabboth day and John Leith cautione for the samen to be payit vpon demand.

The said day anent the marcat called Skirthursday the Baillies and counsell ordains Thomas Orom Georg Allan John Couts Jo. Hervie Jon Simmer Wm Smyth pnt. q^r maisters to regulat and apoynt all thingis necessare and particullar places for all kynd of merchandize and Bestiall

conscerning this pnt. insewing marcat And haweing all mett they haue concluded as after followes vizt :—

First it is apoynted that vpon Wadensday the marcat Evin that the sheep cloath and timber marcat haue thair particullar staunds that is to say that the sheep marcat be vpon the hill on this syd of the bridg called the bridgehill Secondlie that all sort off cloath lining and woolln haue thair stands about the cross—Thirdlie that the timber marcat stand betuixt Clunyes port and Loch Wynd on Thursday beeing the marcat day it is appoynted that the chapmen and trymers haue thair stands about the cross—Secondlie that all wther tredsmen quhatsomeuir shall sett vp thair stands betuixt the Colledg and the cross vpon both syds of the streit—Thirdlie. that the Nolt marcat be vpon the bridghill forsaid —Fourthlie that the hors marcat be betuixt the bridg and the toun vpon the marcat way Lykwayes it is apoynted that the Baillies atend the forsaid tuo dayes in the counssell hous for heiring and desyding all contrawerssies that shall occur betuixt any perties quhatsomeuir. As also it is ordained that the decon conviner call a court with all dillegence and to ordaine all of euery tred who ar in vse to put furth any wares to any publict marcat that thai prepair and sett furth againe the said marcat vnder the hazard of looseing thair fredome Lastlie it is ordained that the q^{r} maisters shall prowyd six men out off euery quarter sufficientlie armed for attending the Baillies the said tuo dayes for the better keeping all things in good order. III 238.

11 April 1662.

The said day it is statute and ordained be the Baillies and counssell as thai ar informed that som of thair number doth reweall and publish such things as ar done in secrett wotted and determined contrairie to ther oathes and promisses at ther admissione Therffor the baillies and counsell forsaid ordaines quhateuir person or persons shall reweall anything as said is or shall dewoldge any mans name who shall wott in any matter or againest any person the pairties delinkquants shall be vpon the first knowin fault be removed aff of the counssell and shalbe lyabll to such fyne as his fault shall demeritt and the counssell shall think fitt. III 239.

22 April 1662.

The said day the wholl counssell in name of the wholl toun hes wnanimouslie condescended that th^{r} be ane comissioner send to speak

the Bishop for bringing him to the cittie of Auld Abd to dwall and mack his residence thair. III 241.

The said day it was woiced throw the wholl counssell and they hawe condescended that the Comissioner that shall goe to the Bishop shall haue ane hundreth punds scots money to be his expencess and that the toun shall be Stentit pntly for that effect.

As also the wholl counssell in ane wnanimows woice hes elected nominat and chossen James Gordon of Seaton pnt. baillie of Auld Abd to be Comissioner to the effect forsaid. III 243.

3 June 1662.

The said day the Bishops letter beeing delyuered and read be James Gordon Commissioner for that effect q^r with the counsell and the wholl body of the toun was content in qch letter the Bishop did desyre the Baillies and Counssell for his better accomadatioun that they should goe abowt the prowovding of his hous Quhairffor the Baillies and counssell haith appoynted the three Baillies Mr Pat: Sandilands subprin Mr William Johnstone regent and such wther persons as they shall desyre for goeeing about the said work giveing them full pour to borrow such monyes vpon the touns compt as shall be found necessarie for reparation and decoring of the said hous for the vse forsaid. III 247.

11 June 1662.

The said day James Gordone and William Johnstone baillies Mr Pat: Sandilands subprin^ll Mr Wm Jonston and Mr Georg Gordon regents and Thomas Angus who wer apoynted vpon the third of this instant by the counssell to goe for prepairing and prowoyding the Bishops hous did goe to gither and did wissit the Chanclers hous and Captain Forbes hous qch after they hade seen and considered did unanimouslie approwe and condescend vpon the Chanclers hous beeing onlie frie for the tyme. III 247.

17 September 1662.

Instructions condescendit and aggreed vpon by the baillies and counssell of Old Abd to be givin to ther apoynted q^r maisters for the better regulating and gowerning of the said toun within ther severall presincts.

Old Abd the 2 of Januarij 1662

First—they sall give informatioun to the Baillies and counsell of what misdemaners at euery meitinge or offence is comitted within their severall bounds nor sall not syde nor conceall the samen but sall inform themselffs cleirlie in the saids matter befor they bring it to be trayed in Counsell.

Secondly—they sall apprehend in the night tyme all strangers vagabonds or suspected persons quha can not give acompt of themselffs and shall cairie them befor ther awine bailie to be examined and punished if neid beis.

Thirdlie they shall tack notice of all such houses as ar ordainerie ressets of such lyke persons and shall declair the samen to ther avine baillie and counsell to be punished conform to the acts of counsell maide thairanent.

Fourtlie they shall tack particwllar notice within ther severall bounds of all loyterers and inprofitable persons not hawing no means to leive vpon nor will betacke themselffs to no tread labour nor ocupatione and shall represent the samen to the Baillies and counsell to be punished accordinglie.

Fyftlie vpon the apeirance of any fray or sture betwine pairties the q^r^maisters shall requyre the assistance of his neightbors for sundering of the saids pairties and shall pntlie acquaint his awine baillie or any of the rest therwith.

Sixtlie—thai sall within ther severall presincts tacke partickwallare inspectioun of all suspected fameleis or houskeepers quha doth not tymowslie prowyd themselffis in fyre kell and uther necessaries bot only maketh a tread by pyking and stealling from wthers to the gryt hurt and prejudice of ther nightbours and the rest of the inhabitants and sall after dew tryall and examinatioune of the saids matter give vp the name of the persons to the baillies and counsell to be punished.

Sevinthlie they sall tacke notice of all such persons as keepeth hors or cattell or any wther beastiall not hawing sufficiencie of grass in the summer nor prowiander in the winter whairthrow the painfull and industrous laborer is hevelie prejudged and discouradged but that they declair the names of the saids persons to the baillies and counsell to be punished as said is.

Eghtlie they sall tacke notice and give vp the names [of] all such persons within ther severall presinctts to be punished by the counsell

who shall contrair to the acts of counsell maid theranent set or meall any of ther houses or lands to any persone or persons but to such as sall give sufficient testimony or surtie to the baillies or q^r maisters for ther good cairaige and behawiour and of ther abilitie of leiving without being burdensome to the toun.

Nyntlie they sall acquant the baillies and counsell of all such persons as sall refuis being requyred to give ther assistance and concurance to the saids q^r maisters in discharg of ther dewitie when neid requyrs.

Tentlie thai shall give vp the names of all such persons to the baillies and counsell as sall opose or impeid the said q^r maisters in the discharge of ther said office by stopinge them in the persuit of any offence or by offering wiolence to them by word or any wther maner of way that thai may be exempelerlie punished as contemners of the Baillies and counsell ther authoritie and as Comitters of the saids offences to the baillies themselffs.

Elevintly they sall tacke notice of extraordinarie drunkards and especiallie these who keep aill houses after ten a cloake at night as also these who ar extraordainer cursers and swearers and shall give vp the names of the saids persons to be punished accordinglie.

Twaltlie they shall [tacke] notise of all wnsufficient measors and wayghts and of all those who sells wnsufficient commodities and especiallie candells and give vp ther names lykvays to the baillies and counsell.

Thirtentlie they sall give ther oaths for ther faithfull and trew discharge of ther office as q^r maisters conform to the instructions abowe written and of any that sall be found necessaire for the wtilitie and weilfaire of the said toun to be ther impossed by the baillies and counsell. III 256.

3 November 1662.

The said day the thessorers compts was giwin vp to the haill counsell and the wholl debts resting to the toun was drawine upon paipper and published to the toun. III 261.

13 March 1663.

The said day John Cowts decon of the Hemmermen of Abd beeing acuised for admitting Pat: Killgour frieman within the said tread on

acquanting the baillies and counsell and Pat: Clark and Pat: Stivine for the lyk omissione forsaid for not acquanting the baillies for the samen fault: The said Pat: Killgours compossitione shall com to the touns vsse to be payit to the thessorer and sicklyk Pat: Stiwine decon of the fleshors shall pay the soume off 4 lib for the transgrassione forsaid. III 263.

17 October 1663.

The said day it is ordeanit be the Bailzies and counsall for the better orderring of the marcat called Luiks Fair That pntlie all messoris vechtis mettis and vtheris necessaris be meassoret and vychit and met and that the decone conveiner sall conveine ane court upoune monnonday nixt for orderring all treadis men that is in vse of puting forthe of any varis to set furthe dureing the said Mercat wnder the paine of foure pounds and that they have ther standis begining at Baillie Forbes his zet and dounvardis to the Colledge on bothe the sydis of the streittis And also that the hors marcat salbe at the Loche syd and the nolt and key marcat wpoune the ministers mance, and the scheip marcat to be at the bak dyikis adtanent the mance and all thos that hes horss sall ryd furthe ther horsses and attend the marcat the quhoill tyme of the marcat wnder the paine of ten pounds And that the clothe and chopmen stands be about the cross and the fiche marcat be about Johne Baverleys And Alex^r Mersers clos heads and the timber marcat to stand betuixt Carnmys Wynd and the port and that the Bailzies sall attend the Marcat in the counsall hous for giving of Justice and with tham the thrie quarter maisters Thomas Angus Hendrie Adame George Allane Thomas Orum and that the deacane conveiner caus provyd tua sufficient armit men out of everie tred for attending and waithing dureing the marcat And that Patrik Stewart and Gilbert Mackie sall attend for bringing of daillis and puting vp of stands to the vse of the marcat, and lastlie it is ordeanit that quhatsumever persone or persones sall trubell or molest any persone to the disturbance of the marcat salbe imprissoned fyned and examplerlie punished according as the falt sall deserve and that everie on that hes middingis and muck within the Toun they sall tak avey the samen wnder the paine of four pounds. III 267.

24 October 1663.

The said day Thomas Orum Patrik Steivine Jon Coutts ar ordeanit for not sending furthe ther mane ilk ane of the treds being deacones

to attend the bailzies in the counsall hous the tyme of the marcat according to the former act maid theranent in the sowme of Tuelf shillingis scotts for ilk man absent and that ilk man that vas absent fra the meiting of the Bissoip according to ane vther act maid therannent sall pay ilk ane of tham tuelf shillingis scotts. III 268.

1 March 1664.

The said day it vas ordeanit be the bailzies and counsall that everie merchand that salbe admitit herefter sall pay to the theasurer to the veill of the toune being ane stranger man the sowme of tuentie pounds scotts money, and everie stranger tradsman aucht lib and everie prenteis and friemanes childrane accept the eldest sone four pounds. III 272.

5 April 1664.

The said day it was ordeanit annent the orderring of the mercat called Skaesfiesday that all hors nolt scheip sall stand betuixt the Brig of Done and the Toune end and all sort of clothe sall [be] at the cros and the timber betuixt the Laird of Clunyes wynd and his hous and the Bailzies and quartermaisters sall attend the mercat as vas done abefor and Johne Hervie George Allane and Alex^r Irving to sicht and trye the vychtis within the toune. III 274.

27 September 1664.

The said day Patrik Chyne having ane hors going in the samen citie having the skab and lercie he vas ordeanit to put avey his hors or els to fell him and give anny ane felit him he sould be frie for doing of the samen. III 279.

8 October 1664.

The said day Andro Barker smithe in Old Aberdeine vas decernit to pay and delyver to Williame Youngsone cherurgine in Aberdeine the sowme of ten merks for cureing of Georg Barker his broken lege to be peyit vithin terme of law. III 279.

8 November 1664.

The said day it vas ordeanit that ilk ane that vas absent fra the laird of Vdny his buriall sould pay tuelf shillings give they hed not ane lawfull excuis for ther absenty and the Theauserer to vptak the samen vithin terme of law. III 280.

3 DECEMBER 1664.

The said day the hammermen tred vas ordeanit to pey four schillings sterling for admitting of Walter Mengzies Andro Nairne to ther court vithout leive askit of the Bailzies and counsell. III 280.

15 JUNE 1665.

The said day it vas ordeanit that George Cuming deacane of the hammermen tred sould dischairge patrik Kilgour frome all forder working within the toune till he enter frimane within the toune and that vithin aucht dayis and to tak his naime out of the croftis buik under the failzie of four punds. III 282.

16 OCTOBER 1665.

The said day Alexander Orum in Old Aberd having takine the small customes efter ropping of the samen till Michelmes nixt J^{m} vi^{c} hundrethe and sexty sex yeirs for the quhilk yeirs tak he promissit and obledgit faithfullie to pay and delyver to Walter Robertsone Theausaurer for the vs of the toune all and haill the sowme of feftie thrie merks thrie shillingis four penies payable at tua termes the on half at Vitsonday nixt and the wther half at Michelday therefter and for performing of the premisses The said Alexander Orum as principall and Johne Leithe backer and Williame Coutts merchand as cautioners for and withe him bindis and oblidges thamselfis conjunctlie and severallie to pay the forsaid soume at the forsaids termes abowe writtine wnder the failzie of ten merks for ilk termes failzie In testimonie quhairof they have subscryvit thir presentes withe thair handis At Old Aberdeine the sexteine day of October Jai sex hundrethe and sextie fyve yeirs before vitnesses James and George Gordoune bailzies. III 287.

18 OCTOBER 1655.

Compeirit the collectors quho vas chossine for uptaking of the customes at Sanct Luiks fair Item be George Allane his reset at the Brig of Done tuentie merks four s 10d Johne Hervie at the Milor Holl sexteine merks 9d Williame Wobster at the Poewis Brig tua lib. 18s Williame Sangster at the Brounhil fyve lib 3s 4d Andro Baird at Tillidronshill 16s 8d within the bodie of the toune fourtie shillings all deliverit to the Theausaurer. III 288.

24 October 1665.

The said day it vas ordainit be the Bailzies that herefter no deacans within the treds sall be chossine accept the man that hes heritaige vithin the citie and to be ane vnderstanding mane to be anserable to the Bailzies and counsall and ordeanit this act to be insert and buikit in the deacane conveinar his buikis making intimatioune to all the rest of the deacanes of the haill Treds to the effect forsaid. III 288.

7 November 1665.

The said day George Murray pypper having givine in ane supplicatioune to the Bailzies and counsall for going throche the toune morning and evining withe the pype and drum The saids Bailzies and counsall having hard the supplicatioune they gaive him the office and to go throche the haill citie betuixt four and fyve hours in the morning and at aucht houris in the evining and he to gait tua schillings of ilk riking hous vithin the citie and he to give and set ane honest cautioner for him for his lawfull dilligence of his plaice quho fand . . . . . his cautioner. III 289.

5 December 1665.

The said day James Hay skinner in old Aberdeine vas decernit to pay and delyver to Margaret Elleis ther four merks of silver withe cot and sleives ane pair of schone ane new sark for her service fie half ane yeir bygaine or than the hiest pryce of the said geir to be peyit within terme of law dedutand threttie shillingis peyit in peyment theroff. III 290.

1 January 1666.

The said day George Arechbald in Old Aberdeine being chairgit for cuting of Kethoks milne his brum and James Gordoune of Setoune his brome and carieing avey of the samen sindrie and diverse tymes the said George Arechbald compeirand and confessing the samen The Bailzies onlyit him in the sowme of ten merks to be payit within terme of law and give he dois the lyk againe to be banischit out of the toune.

The said day James Nairne skinner being chairgit for having vnfamous wechtis and the Bak therof being teine frome him in . . . be the Deane of Gild in Aberdeine and deteining the Bak of his vechtis The Bailzies ordeanit him to gait the bak againe frome the Deane of

Gild and to present the bak and vechtis befor the Bailzies and Counsall of old Aberdeine and to gait ane absolvitor from the Deane of Gild give his vechtis vas richt or not and to produc the samen vpoune the aucht day of Januar wnder the paine of ten pounds to the Theausaurer of old Aberdeine to the veill of the toune. III 291.

22 JANUARY 1666.

The said day compeirit Thomas Boyis Johne Ros Pat: Leslie Johne Kenney Alexander Lundie induellaris and burgeses of Aberdeine James Fraser Thomas Angus Williame Lin Jeane Forbes Johne Cassie Thomas Orum Williame Angus George Gordoune for Jeane Leithe Williame Logane Johne Fraser Hendrie Adame heritoris of the rigis of land in Old Aberdeine and condisendit that sowme Comissioners sould be chossine and send to the provest and Bailzies and Counsall of Aberdeine for ane meiting and communing annent the multeris of the rigis of Old Aberdeine in relatioune to Gordouns milne Lykas ther vas chossine Mr Thomas Sandilandis Commissar of Abd Mr Patrik Gordoune Johne Ros as also ther vas chossine George Gordoune Thomas Boyis Thomas Angus Patrik Leslie Johne Cassie Johne Kenney for the adverteissing of the Provest and Bailzies of Abd. and for giving in instructiones in the said matters. III 293.

21 FEBRUARY 1666.

The said day maister Patrik Gordoune reportit the ordor of the Comissioune givine annent the multeris of the rigis of Old Aberdeine and Gordounes milne to the magistratis of Newe Aberdeine and declairit he hed sent the just copie to the Bissoip of Aberdeine he being in Ed^r for the tyme. III 296.

28 FEBRUARY 1666.

The said day George Lovie vas onlyit in fourtie shillings for dissobeying the Bailzie in not cariing ane poor vyf out of the toune as also it vas ordeanit that quhatsumewer persone within the toune manesit or trublit Andro Nicoll for cariing avey the crippell vyff out of the toune sall pay to the veill of the toune ten merks. As also quhatsumewer persone vithin the Citie refussis any of the quarter maisters having chancelled vnfamous persones vithin the said citie and they refussing to obey the quarter maisteris to apprehend any vnfamous

persone vithe tham sall pay ten poundis scotts money and to be vardit till the only be payit and the officiaris to attend the quartermaisteris for putting the trubling persones to any plaice the Bailzies pleisses and this act to be registrat in the deacan conveiner his buik and ilk tred buik vithin the citie.

The said day Davidsone vas ordeanit to remove himself out of the citie befor Vitsonday nixt and that for the most manifold vrongis done be him in the citie and for the most abominable abussing of his vyff both privatlie and publictlie. III 296.

10 April 1666.

The said day the persones vnder vreittine var ordeanit to tak vp the customes at the insewing marcat called Skyrs Firsday James Reid at the Brig of Done George Cuming Alex^r Schand for the Morter Holl James Fraser vover for Bromshill Alexander Strauquhan Arthour Knicht Williame Cumingis for Tillidronshill Robert Broune for Powis burne and Hendrie Adame Williame Coutts for the bodie of the toune and the deacane conveinar to hold ane court that ilk tred bring ther varris to the marcat in sick ordor as vas vssit and done abefor And that the customes sall be as followis viz For ilk cow and calf hors ox tuelf penies Ilk zew and lamb or old scheip four penies Ilk elne of clothe lining or vool ane peney Ilk pair of stokingis ane penie—Ilk laid of timber fiche or vther grois vair tua shillingis scotts. Ilk pair of dubbell sold schone accept Bairnes schone four penies singell sold schone tua penies Ilk laid of ledder 6s 8d or else tuelf penies for ilk hyd Ilk Paik of woll 6s 8d Ilk merchand stand 3s 4d and Thomas Angus Williame Lin sall visit the elvanes and wechtis and all goods to be keipit and the cassies dichtit. III 297.

15 May 1666.

The said day the Bailzies ordeanit that sindrie of the heritouris of the citie sould go and veisit the mos with the Bissoip of Abd going to the samen vs for the veill of the citie and to choiss sindrie honest men to that effect as they did choiss. III 299.

4 June 1666.

The said day James Gordoune Bailzie declairit that he and George Gordoune Bailzie hed met withe Frances Irving annent the comane

mois and hed agriet wpoune the merches theroff and the mois to be seine and visitit and equallie and proportionallie to be divydit amongst the heritoris of Old Abd and merche stones to be set vp betuixt Frances Irving his richtis of the mois and the Old Toune richt of the mois and honest men to be choissane to that effect. III 300.

11 November 1667.

The said day The Baillies forisaids haveing considdered the complaints given in by some of the heretoris of the said citie That in payment of cess and other impositiones the heretors are lyable unto there hes not beine a true and exact Roll and Rentall of the rigs and ruides of land in old Aberdeene and places thairto belonging upon record And that they hade appoynted the officars to advertise the whole heretors in the Toune and chanrie to be present on the first day of November the said yeir to meitt at the Councelhous to give there concurrence and advyce for macking of the said Rentall And in regaird the meitting of the heretors was not so full that day as the Baillies could have wished did adjourne the meitting to this day And haveing taken full Informatione of all the heretors there present did mack and appoynt the Rentall adjoyned to be insert and Registrat in the Court buikes of Old Aberdeene there to remaine as a just and true Rentall of the Rigs and Ruides of land als weill in the toune as chanonrie (secludeing Androw Cassies lands qch pertained formerlie to Gilbert Black lait Baillie of Abd) And that upon all occasiones, the collector of any Impositiones relaiting to the heretors may have recours therto, and stent according to the said Rentall in all tymes cuming and no other wayes Quhich Rentall was as follows—The aires of John Forbes lands payes, 7 bolls 2 firlots Bear; Androw Cassies oune lands, 12 bolls; Christian Hwiesones lands, 20 bolls; the lands of the aires of Thomas Shand, 9 bolls; the Hospital lands, 17 bolls; George Allans lands, 2 bolls; John Pedders lands, 4 bolls; Jonet Mars lands, 4 bolls; Jonet Moires lands, 7 bolls; Baillie Robertsones lands, 3 bolls; Patrick Leslies lands, 17 bolls; Wats Burs lands, 7 bolls; Alexander Lundies lands, 16 bolls; Thomas Angus lands, 4 bolls; Jean Thawes lands, 12 bolls; William Supers lands, 4 bolls; Doctor Midletounes lands, 36 bolls; James Fiddes lands, 6 bolls; Patrick Frasers lands, 4 bolls; Margrat Lind hir lands, 4 bolls; William Andersones lands, 2 bolls;

George Adams lands, 4 bolls; Craibstones lands, 40 merks inde 4 bolls; Lady Belties rig, 6 punds inde 1 boll; Allexander Coupers rig, 6 punds inde 1 boll; Maister John Gordones rig, inde 1 boll; Thomas Forrests rig, inde 1 boll; Mr. Patrick Walkers lands, 20 pund inde 3 bolls; Newtounes lands, 50 merks inde 5 bolls; the dowcot greene pertaining to the aires of John Forbes, 10 pund inde 1 boll 2 firlots; the Cruive croft at Tillidron, inde 2 firlots.

Suma of the haill above writtin Rentall extends to the number of Tuo hundreth and eighteine Bolls. IV 3.

15 February 1668.

The said day William Angus deacon conveiner was electit nominat and chosen be the baillies and counsell foirsd. collector of the excyse of brewing within the said citie for this pnt. yeir J^{m} vj and sixtie aucht yeires viz frae Candlsmas last till Candlsmas nixt who being personallie present acceptit the sd. charge in and upon him. IV 8.

22 February 1668.

The said day anent the bill of complaint Given in be Jounet Hunter spous to Thomas Symsone and the sd. Thomas for his entress against Helen Andersone spous to Robert Broune glover and the sd. Robert himself for his entress makand mentione That q^{r} upon thursday last the tuantie of this instant at night the sd. Helen Andersone being washing above the persewers chamber and did let water doune ther throw and therby did spoyll the sd. Jonet hir cloaths and bedding and the sd. Jounet calling to hir peaceablie and desyreing hir to mend the fault The sd. Helen in a furious way fell in scolding of the said Jounet in calling hir drunken jade carling and mair cruellie did strik hir upon the head divers and sindrie tymes as in the sd. bill at length is containit Quhilk being callitt compeirit the sd. Helen Andersone and her sd. spous and the baillie foirsd. haveing admitted the bill to the persewers probatione they proveit the samen sufficientlie In respect q^{r} off and the baillie haveing heard seine and considdered the sd. bill and being ryplie and at length advyseit therwith decernit and ordanit the sds. Helene Andersone and the sd. Ro^{t} Broune hir sd. spous to mack furth cumand payment to Alex^{r} Irwing thesaurer of the soume of fourtie shilling scots moie. to be furthcumand to the weill of the

toune within fyfteine dayes wnder paine of poynding for the causs foirsd. IV 8.

14 March 1668.

The sd day for the better ordoring and regulating of the mercat within the sd citie in all tyme cuming callit St. Luke and Skeirthursdayes faires It is statute and ordanit be the baillies and counsell foirsds. that ilk trade within the citie sall bring ther waires to ilk ane of the sdis. mercats in sick decent ordor as was in vse and custome to be done in all tymes abefore and that the deacon conveiner hold ane court before each of the sdis. mercats for that effect and for giveing assistance for waiting on the baillies goeing throw the mercats and seing of the whole stands ordorlie setled and placed as formerlie and that the customes of the sdis mercats sall be as followes viz for ilk cow and calf hors or ox tuell pennies, ilk yew and lamb or old sheip four pennies, ilk elne of cloath linen or woollen, ane penny, ilk pair of stockings ane penny, ilk load of timber, fischer uther groff wair tuo shilling, ilk pair of deuble soled shoes except bairnes shoes four pennies, single soled shoes tuo pennies, ilk load of leather sex shilling aught pennies or els 12d for ilk hyde, ilk pack off wooll sex shilling aught pennies, ilk merchand stand thrie shilling four pennies. IV 10.

The sd. day it is ordanit be the baillies and councell forsds. that ilk inhabitant within the toune sall heave the wynes and casies sourged and made clean anent ther housses and tenements and sall transport and tack away ther guideing aff of the same before tuesday nixt at tuell houres of the clock in the forenoone and who sall happen to faillie in performeing of the premisses sall pay four pund to the thesaurer for the vse of the toune, besydes thair said guideing to be taken away conforme to the former act maid theranent. IV 11.

28 March 1668.

The said day the said William Forbes one of the said baillies is ordainit be the remanent baillies his colleggs to goe to the common moss any day betuixt and this day aucht days for visiting and sighting of the samen and to mack choyse of als mony men w^in the toune and such men as best knowes the said moss to goe with him for his better informatione as he sall think fitt and to give in dilligence theranent the nixt court day. IV 13.

4 April 1668.

The said day Thomas Orum deacon of the shoemakeris w^{t}in the citie of Old Abd. is decernit be the baillies and councell foirsd. to produce before the sds. baillies and councell the nixt court day four pair of shoes taken be the said Thomas at least he being airt and pt. therof from George Armstrang frieman of the sd. citie of old Abd. at skerthursdayes fair last w^{t}in this toune upon the mercatday or than to pay the pryces theroff q^{t} the samen shoes sall be thought to be worth be honest men of the trade who best knowes the worth of the samen. IV 14.

11 April 1668.

The sd. day it is statute and ordanit be the baillies foirsds. that no persone and inhabitant within the toune goe to the seattoune nor no uther pairt about the toune to play at the bulleis at any tyme heirafter naither sall len nor hyre bulleis to any uther to play therwith and whosoever sall doe in the contrair heiroff sall pay fyve pund scotis money toties quoties for ilk contraventione that sall be maid out against them And the drum to be sent imediatlie throw the toune for intimatione theroff to the effect none pretend ignorance And William Forbes ane of the baillies and Androw Cassie were appoynted to goe to the priñll of the Colledge for causeing restraine the students from exerceing the sd. game in respect off divers and sundrie inconveinents that have fallen out therby. IV 15.

The sd. day forsaemeikill as Alex^{r} Irwing pnt. thesaurer of the sd. citie vas abefore appoynted and ordored be the baillies foirsds. with the express consent and assent of the haill councell of the sd. citie to caus build that wynd comonlie called beorald Innes wynd, night the mealhous dore, and help the causie against the samen dore, repaire the midle wall betuixt the sd. mealhous and the musick schooll, debris moneyis for raiseing lres. against Capt. Barelay, Arnadge and Bogheid anent the troubling of the guaird, lykas for debirseing for severall necessars to the sd. guaird, and for buying the kingis armes to be put in the councell hous, as lykwyse for advyureing of moneyis for the charter upon the loch and customes, as also for doeing of divers uthers things for the vse of the toune be ordor from the baillies and councell foirsds. as is containit in his particular accompts of the samen And for als much as the sd. Alex^{r} hes alreadie payit and advancit moneyis for pt.

of the foirsds severall work and caus bring the samen to perfectione And seing ther is yet uther pt. theroff unattempted Thairfor and to the effect the samen may be begun and at length be brought to happie conclusione and perfectione the baillies foirsds. wt consent and assent foirsd. ordaines the sd Alexr to caus doe and perfyte the particulars and uthers above restand and qt be hade already debursit or sould depurs in tyme comīng theranent They band and obleist themselfis wt consent forsd. that the samen sould be allowit in the first end of his comptis betuixt him and the toune at Michaelmas nixt wtout any contradictione forever. IV 16.

18 April 1668.

The sd. day it was ordainit and statute be the baillies and councell forsds. that the haill inhabitants within the toune baith frie and unfrie sould meitt and conveine in the councell hous upon Monday nixt at two houres in the afternoone and ther to councell and advyse qt course sall be taken anent the actione and discussing the suspensione against the toune of Abd. and anent ane stent of the toune for collecting of moneys for imployeing of advocats and agents for that effect and defence of the samen and the drum to be sent imēdiatlie throw the toune for that effect to the effect [none] pretend ignorance. IV 17.

20 April 1668.

The said day ther being ane meitting of the baillies councell and haill (at leist the maist pairt) of the citizens and inhabitants within the toune It was unanimouslie condiscendit and aggriet upon that ther sould be ane stent imposit upon the toune for collecting and uplifting of money for imploying advocats and agents for discussing of the suspensione and defending the actione against the toune of Abd. without any contradictione And for that effect the baillies ordainit William Angus deacon conveiner to select and choyse out two of everie trade wt in the toune to meitt and sitt upon the sd. stent with those who sould be appoynted to sitt for the merchands and rest of the toune qn they sould be requyred to doe the same. IV 18.

9 May 1668.

The sd. day it is statute appoynted and ordainit be the sds. baillies with consent of the haill councell that Alexr Irwing thesaurer sall with

all dilligence cause causie that wynd called Dowglas wynd, togidder with that causie at the back of William Lyn his barne and yard and to conduce men and hors for leoding of stones and sand for that effect and that als soone as the samen possiblie may be gotten done as sd. is. IV 19.

The sd. day ther were electit furth of the trades merchands and uthers w^{t}in the toune be the baillies and deacon conveiner for sitting upon the stent to be imposit upon the toune the persones after mentionat To witt for the merchands Walter Ro^{t}sone and Ro^{t} Low for the fermorers and labourers Wm Sangster and Wm Ross, and for the trades, for the hammermen trade Alex^{r} Christall and Jon Couts, for the wyver trade Thomas and William Anguses, for the cordiner trade George Allan, for the tailzeour trade George Gareoch deacon and James Tailzeour and for the flescher trade Jon Irwing and Pat: Clerk Lykas it was ordainit that any seven of the forsd. number, to wit one out of everie trade, one merchand and one labourer sould be ane sufficient quorum, and have power to stent be themselfis without assistance of the rest and were appoynted to conveine and meit upon Wednesday or Thursday nixt at farthest for sitting upon the sd. stent and ther being aught of the foirsds. persons pnt. and they onlie who did sitt upon the sd. stent, being all solemnlie sworne did give ther oathes of fidelitie in administratione of the sd. chairge to all persones interessed w^{t}out partialitie feir or favour to the best of ther knowledge, w^{t} power to them afterward to appoynt ther oune meitings at ther oune tymes as they sould think fitt and meitt Lykas it is appoyntit and ordainit that the sd. stent to be imposit sould be tuo hundreth merks scotis möie. IV 19.

19 May 1668.

The sd. day anent the complaint and indytement presented be Mr Patrick Sandilandis sub principall of the Kingis colledge of Old Abd. and ane of the baillies of the sd. citie against Johne Fraser heretor and indueller in the sd. toune makand mentione that q^{r} upon the auchteine day of this instant moneth the sd. Mr Patrick being walking upon the streit and goeing about his lau^{ll} affaires (Thair haveing bene some controversie betuixt the sd. Jon Fraser and some of the studentis within the colledge anent certaine speiches emitted be the sds. studentis aither against himself or his wyff) the said Johne Fraser meitting with the

sd. Maister Patrick did fall out in scolding of him upon the street wt calling him divers and sindrie tymes knave and rascell as lykwyse in sayeing that he sould put ane durk or pinuyeard throw his cheiks and that he was als honest ane man as any baillie within the toune or maister within the vniversitie, as lykwyse did swear that altho the said Maister Patrick sould lose his authorite over his scollars yet nevertheles he sould not lose his authoritie over them notwithstanding that the sd. Mr Patrick hade faythfullie promised abefore that same day to mack inquisitione and informe himselfe anent the sds. speiches emitted and uttered be the sdis. students and lykwyse hade assured the sd. Johne that ther sould be no sick lyke done nor comitted thairafter And the sd. Johne not being satisfied as yett with this offer and assurance given be the sd. Mr Patrick haveing mett with one of the students in the sd. coll ledge George Gordone by name laull sone to Mr James Gordone parsone at Rothemay quhom he alledgitt did utter the sds. speiches against him or his sd. wyff did pluck and tugg the sd. George as lykwyse said that if ever he sould hear the lyk againe he sould put ane puinyard through his cheicks lykwyse, As in the sd. bill and indytement at length containit. For the qlk caus this day comperat personallie the sd. Johne and being accuseit be the sds. Mr Androw Moore and Wm Forbes tuo of the baillies of the sd. toune (the said Mr Patrick sittand onlie as ane spectator and not as judge against the sd. Johne qrupone he tuik instrument) confessit the whole lybell In respect qroff and the sdis. two baillies being ryplie advyset ther with and takand the egregiousnes of the fault to serious consideration as being against ane of the magistrates of the toune and for example to uthers to doe and comitt the lyke in tyme cuming The baillies foirsds ordaines the said Jon Fraser to be presentlie incarceratt and putt in ward be the officiars within the comon prissin hous of the toune and ther to stay and remaine dureing ther pleasure as lykwyse to pay fiftie punds money scotis for the caus foirsd. of fyne and vnlaw within terme of law and to remane in the sd. waird ay and while the samen sould be payitt. IV 20.

The sd. day forsaemeikill as the sd. Jon Fraser conforme to the former ordinance being incarceratt in the comon prison hous of the toune and Patrick Stewart Androw Lyndsay and James Innes the thrie officiars of the sd. toune haveing by ordor from the sds. baillies the attendance of the sd. Jon and prissone hous qrin he was incarceratt and

haveing dismissed the sd. Jon furth of the sd. prisson q^rin he was incarceratt at ther oune hands without any licence or comissione granted to them be the baillies for thatt effect were all incarceratt and put in the same prissone hous themselfis for the caus foirsd and ther to stay and remane ay while the baillies pleasures and till advysement sould be hade what course sould be taken with them ther anent for ther sd. presumptione. IV. 21.

20 May 1668.

The sd. day Patrick Stewart Andrew Lyndsay and James Innes officiars were deposed and depryved be the baillies foirsds of ther offices and that for ther demissing of Johne Fraser and putting of him to libertie furth of the prisson hous q^rin he was incarcerat by ordor from the sdis. baillies and that at ther oune hands without any order or warrand from the baillies for that effect. IV 22.

20 June 1668.

The sd. day Androw Cassie and Thomas Angus were ordainit be the baillie foirsd. to goe to the principall and remanent maisters and members of the colledge and to the minister and elders of the kirk sessione and geit thair dyett anent the visitatione of the musick schoolle and to report ther dilligence ther anent qlk was the same day accordinglie done. IV 29.

24 October 1668.

The sd. day Maister Androw Moore and William Forbes tuo of the tounes baillies demitted ther offices off baillierie to the effect that uthers might be elected in ther places for regulatting of the toune for the nixt yeir to witt till Michaelday J^m vj^c sixtie nyne yeires and sent Androw Cassie and William Angus deacon conveiner to my lord bischop to signifie the samen to his Lo. to the effect his Lo. might elect uthers in ther places as sdis. who accordinglie did the same and after returne of ther diligence the sds. baillies tuik instrument upon ther sd. demissione. IV 31.

2 November 1668.

The sd. day It is statute and ordainit be baillies foirsds with the spēall consent of the haill councell that ther sallbe ane meitting of the

baillies and councell ilk fourteine dayes upon tuesday of ilk uther weik for consulting and advyseing anent the effaires of the toune, and that ane of the baillies sall sitt weiklie upon ilk monday of the weik at ten houres for hearing of bills of complaint w^{t}in the toune and doeing of justice to the inhabitants. IV 32.

29 DECEMBER 1668.

The said day the sd. James Gordone baillie produceit and intimat ane letter to the councell sent from ther agent from Edr. showeing of the toune of Abd. ther procedour against the old toune anent the discussing of ane suspensione against the sd. old toune And to the effect that some good cours might be taken theranent to the effect the toune might suffer als litle prejudice and wrong from the toune of Abd. as possiblie could be, there were elected furth of the councell William Forbes Thomas Angus and William Lind who were ordainit to goe to the bishop and members of the colledge and advyse w^{t} them q^{t} sould be done theranent and q^{t} course were best to be taken for collecting and uplifting of money anent the discussing of the sd. suspensione. IV 33.

23 JANUARY 1669.

The sd. day James Symsine glover and deacone of the ha$\bar{m}$erman trade w^{t}in the sd. citie being conveinit as not freman within the toune be vertue of his renunciatione of his freedome therin for delyvering up to the sd. baillie and councell of the sd. citie the court buik of the sd. trade and haveing compeired and at co$\bar{m}$and of the sd. baillie haveing delyvered up the sd. court buik It was ordanit by the voyce and consent of the haill councell and by auth^{ie} of the sd. baillie that the samen buik sould be retained and keipped up from the sd. James and upon no accompt to be delyvered back to him againe wntill he first sould pay his fyne and lykwyse supplicat the baillies and councell for his freedome and submitt himself to ther deliuerance theranent. IV 36.

3 APRIL 1669.

The sd. day Alex^{r} Irwing and Walter Ro^{t}sone theasurers were decernit and ordanit be the baillies foirsd. to pay to Mr Wm Hay maister of the musick school his localitie due to him from the toune frae Witsonday 1668 till Witsonday nixt 1669 yeires upon demand. IV 39.

17 April 1669.

The sd day anent ane bill of complaint give in be James Symsone glover deacon of the hamermen against Jon Couts Alex^r Shand and Ro^t Brounc members of the sd trade anent the ryveing furth of ane leaff out of the deacon conveners buik the sd. Jon Couts being deacon conveiner at the tyme as the samen bill bears Qlk bill being heard sene and considderat be the baillies and councell and being advyseit theranent in respect the samen did Imed^lie concerns the trades The baillies and councell foirsds. reffers the tryall and examinatione of the bill to the deacon conveiner and remanent deacons and maisters of the haill trades and ordaines the deacon conveiner to hold court for that effect and censure the foirsds persones according to the nature and qualitie of the fault after due and exact examinatione theroff and to give in and report his dilligence to the baillies and councell the nixt court day. IV 40.

6 May 1669.

The sd. day Wm Forbes baillie and Thomas Angus were appoyntit and ordainit im^lie after the ryseing of the court to goe to the principall and remanent maisters and members of the kings colledge and requyre and entreat ther assistance anent the defending of the liberties of the old toune, and the sd. Wm Forbes was ordainit to goe to my lo. Bischop and speak with him lykwyse for his assistance theranent. IV 42.

7 June 1669.

The sd day compeirit Andro Lyndsay ane of the tounes officiars George Drum and William Logy and aggried and engadged themselfis with the baillies and councell as foot souldiours for the toune for his majesties militia who in token of ther acceptance and engadgement theranent they receaved ilk ane of them 6s. scots of earnest Q^r upon both the baillies thesaurer and souldiours tuik acts and instruments. IV 43.

16 June 1669.

The said day It was appoynted and ordainit be the baillie foirsd. and the haill members of councell that James Gordone the s^d William Forbes tuo of the baillies, Jon Fraser, William Logan, Thomas Angus, Wm Angus William Lind and Thomas Orum sall meit to morrow thursday im^lie after the prayer bell in the councell hous and ther to

caus wreit informationes to be sent to the tounes advocat and agent anent defending the tounes liberties anent the priviledge of the weiklie mercat, and the lres of law borrowes laid on upon the toune be the toune of Abd. IV 44.

26 August 1669.

The sd. day it was unanimouslie condiscendit and aggriet upon be the haill councell pnt. at the tyme that ther sall be payit be the thesaurer to James Gordone of Seattoune 20 libs. scots promeisit be the toune to umq^{ll} Mr Thomas Lillie and restand be him to the sd. James Gordone for a yeires maill of ane hous possest be the said deceissit Mr Thomas belonging to the hospitall and q^{r}of the sd. James is maister and hes right to uptak the samen. IV 45.

20 October 1669.

The said day Robert Smith hāmerman in Rushheid being conveinit before the baillies foirsds for the troubleing of the mercatt in old Abd. callit St. Lukes fair and being (be vertue of lau^{ll} probatione led and deduceit against him) found guiltie was decernit in ane amerciament of court and therfor to pay Twantie merkis scots money pñtlie or than to stay in firmance whill the samen sould be payit, And for sae meikill as the said Robert his sword was taken from him in the tumult and pley be the guard it was ordainit that upon the pay^{t} of the fyne or sufficient cautione being found for that effect the sd. sould be redelyvered back againe to him. IV 47.

11 October 1670.

The sd. day the baillies appoynts and ordaines that the officiars of the toune shall give assistance to Gilbert Gordone deacon conveiner of the trades of the toune for ingathering of the unlawes and fynes and others debts restand be the trades to the deacon conveiners box at q^{t} tyme they or any one or other of them sould be desyrit and requyrit be the said deacon conveiner to doe the same. IV 54.

12 October 1670.

The sd. day it is enacted statute and ordained be the baillies foirsds. with consent of the haill councell that forsaemeikill as Alex^{r} Pottie and George Hunter baxters within the toun beand vseing and exerceing ther trade of bakeing therin and haveing ther benefite therby

altho not frie naither with toune nor trades as others that were frie in the toune and w^{t} the trades, and for sae meikill as thair was not a competent number of the sd. trade w^{t} in the toune as to be under a deaconrie Thairfor and upon a bill given in be the deacon conveiner to the baillies for that effect They decerne and ordaine that the sds Alex^{r} Pottie and George Hunter sould enter themselfis friemen in the toune as lykwyse to aggrie and enter with the deacon conveiner and trades and to pay to the deacon conveiners box yeirlie sick ane soume of money as the deacon conveiner and remanent deacons and maisters of the trades and they should condiscend and aggrie upon betuixt themselfis And the sds. Alex^{r} and George being pn̄t. obledidged themselfis to performe and fulfill the haill premissis as they were ordainit and that betuixt and Mertimes nixt. IV 54.

7 June 1671.

The sd. day Christian Sutherland spous to Robert Thomsone in Tillinuik of Auchmull being conveined and endyted for the thifteous stealling of ane hank of fingring yarne containing 13 hespes and ane skaitt, from Johne Ross sacrist in Kings Colledge of Abd., as also for the thifteous stealling of ane long fisch from Alex^{r} Tellie, four cutts of salmond from Gilbert Gordone as also for the thifteous stealing of ane pair of bed plaides from the sd. Johne Ross all upon the 5 day of June instant who personallie compearand and being accused be the baillies confessit the stealing of the yarne, salmond skait and long fisch and denyed the stealing of the plaides In respect of hir sd. confessione anent the stealing of the yarne salmond skait and long fisch ordained the sd. Christian to be scourgeit throw the toune at tuo houres in the afternoone this instant day and to be banished furth of the toune and never to be sene within the same in tyme cūming with certificatione if ever shoe sould be found in the toune therafter shoe sould be im^{lie} apprehendit scourgeit and brint lykas it was enacted and ordainit be the baillies forsds. that no persone nor persones within the toune sall resait the sd. Christian or give hir out any work of the toune in tyme cūming wnder the faillie of 20 lib scots money toties quoties for ilk contraventione, as lykwyse sall be repute and haulden and punished by and attour as resetters of theives and stollen goodes and the drum to be sent im^{lie} throw the toune for that effect to the effect that none pretend ignorance heirof. IV 57.

19 JULY 1671.

The sd. day it is appoynted and enacted be the baillies and councell that ther be a seall or birne yron maid for marking of all the timber stoupes within the toune and qch. seall sall be lett out in ferme to some particular persone w^t^in the toune to be chosen and nominated for that effect who shall have for the birning of ilk stoup tuo pennies scots, and that all stoupes qch. sall not be marked and brint accordinglie with the foirsaid stamp or birn yron being complained upon sall be im^lie^ after the complaint broken to peices at the crose aither the buyer or the sellers stoups: And that the haill brewers stoupes as lykwyse the stoupes of such as are not brewers bo^t^ buyers from them sall be with all conveinent dilligence measured visited and tryed and vsed accordinglie and that no brewer sell aill or bear to any persone w^t^in the toune bot aither ther ounc stoupes or in the buyers stoupes so marked with the sd. birne yron as sd. is and that under the faillie of Ten pund scots mo^e^ to be payit be ilk contraveiner of the premissis to the tounes thesaurer for the vse of the toune toties quoties for ilk contraventione. IV 58.

6 DECEMBER 1671.

The sd. day it was enacted statute and ordainit be the baillie forsd. w^t^ consent of the councell that no inhabitant within the toune after the dait heiroff shall carie, send or give furth of the toune any sort of yarne to be woven aither in new Abd. or in the countrie, and that whosoever sould be attached careing furth yarne out of the toune to be woven as said is the weavers w^t^in this toune to have full power to apprehend the yarne and to present the samen to the baillies and the owner therof to be fyned in ane wnlaw of four pund scots for ilk contraventione toties quoties; The weavers within the toune alwayes workeing the tounes work both als cheap, als weill and tymous as the owners of the work would and can get it done with others wyvers without the toune As lykwyse that by and attour the fyne to be payit to the toune the weaver trade in the toune shall have aff of the owners of the yarne and wobe the pryce of the workeing of the wobe whatever it be to ther trades Box. IV 62.

30 MARCH 1672.

The sd. day it was enacted be the provest and baillies foirsaides that the kirk bell shall be rung in tyme to cume at fyve houres in the morn-

ing daylie and at nyne houres at night and that the ringer of the sd. bell shall have yeirlie aff of ilk housholder within the toune tuell pennies scots for his service and paines. IV 65.

25 May 1672.

The sd day it was condiscendit upon unanimousle be the baillies and councell that the haill baillies or two of them with such of the councell as they sould nominat and appoynt sould pass to the common moss before the last of May instant for visitateing of the samen and for rectifeing of all such wrongs as sould be found committed betwixt neighbouris and neightbouris. IV 67.

14 October 1672.

The sd. day it was appoynted and condiscendit upon be the baillies and councell that thair be ane letter drawen up in the name of the baillies councell and comunitie of the toune before Saturuday nixt to be sent to Ed^r^ to the Bischop for raising of letters before the privie councell against the magistrates of Abd. for contravening of the acts of parliament in reference to the old tounes liberties of merchandizeing as also to desyre his Lo. to nominat magistrates w^t^in the toune for the yeir ensewing. IV 72.

2 December 1672.

The sd. day Andrew Lyndsay ane of the tounes officiars for many and divers miscariages comitted be him w^t^in the toune abefore was dischairgeit from being officiar w^t^in the toune in tyme cūming. IV 73.

4 August 1673.

The said day anent a supplicatione given in be Mr George Hay maister of the musick schoole makand mentione that the floreishing of the publict schoole was much impaired by the tolleratione of severall privat schooles within the toune to the prejudice of the office of the schoolmaister in the place and contrair to the fundatione of any sollary for advanceing the sd. office as the sd. supplicatione at mair lenth beares and desyreing that ane effectuall cours might be taken for dischairgeing of the sds. privat scholes Qlk supplicatione being seine heard and considderit and the provest and baillies being ryplie advysed ther-

anent Enacts statutes and ordaines that all schooles for teaching off musick be im^lie^ discharged as being others than the publick school and that no Inhabitant of the toune send thair children to any school in tyme cūming bot allenarlie to the sd. publick musick schoole of the toune otherwayes to be lyable to sick fynes therfor as the magistrats sal please to inflict and impose upon the trangessors. IV 78.

18 JUNE 1674.

The sd. day the provest and baillies foirsds. decernes and ordanes that all persones and inhabitants within the toune of Old Abd. who have coft meall in the countrie, brought the same to the toune and have sold the same out againe within the toune, or hes coft and weighted butter cheise or other cōmodities qlks ought to have beine measured mett and weighted within the meal hous of the sd. citie, or who sall in tyme cūming buy meall bring in the same and sell the same out againe, or weigh butter, cheise or others cōmodities within ther private houses in defraud and prejudice of the meall and weigh hous of the sd. citie sould pay the due and ordinar custome to Johne Oldman present taxsman of the pettie customes of the said citie and to his successors taxsmen therof for the samen in what sould be relevantlie maid out against them or any of them and that baith for tymes bygaine since his entrie, and also for tymes to cume and that within terme of law after they or any of them sall be requyred to doc the same And ordaines all things necessar to be direck heiron in forme as effeiris. IV 88.

22 JUNE 1674.

The said day anent the visitatione of the cōmon moss the persones who were nominated and appoynted for that effect haveing given in ther dilligence and declared the abuses and enormities cōmited in the said moss and in particular anent casting peites therin and selling the samen to others and sicklyk anent personnes liveing without the toune and casting and burning the same without the toune and other persones who hade no right to cast Thairfor and for eschewing the lyk abuses in tyme to cume The provest and baillies with consent of the haill councell enactes statutes and ordaines for the future that no persone nor persones within the toune presume to cast peites in the said cōmone moss and sell the samen or any pairt theroff to any other persons but that they

burne them in ther oune housses allenarlie As also that no persone nor persones liveing without the toune except heretors in the old toune liveing within the same shall have power nor libertie to cast in the said moss any peites plods or other fewell in tyme cuming And whosoever not haveing right to cast sall tack on and presume to cast in the said moss at any tyme after the dait heiroff any peites or other fewell the provest and baillies foirsaids ordaines the thesaurer of the toune caus the tounes horss lead the saids peites for his oune behove and whoever sall refuse to send ther horss at the thesaurers desyre for leading the saids peites, ilk persone refuiseand sall pay fourtie shilling scots for ilk hors and this same fyne to be extendit towards such as sell peites and that toties quoties for ilk contraventione. IV 88.

21 SEPTEMBER 1674.

The sd day it is enacted that q^{t}sumever persone or persones who ar friemen in the toune and duell without the toune sall pay in ther severall proportiones of the stent to the collector betuixt and Saturuday nixt and that who sall faillie in payment therof being tymouslie advertised sall be imediatlie depryved of ther fredome in the toune and that ilk deacon be comptable for the persones of ther oune trade as also that the deficients names be riven furth of ther trades book as also that ilk ane of them find cautione for doeing all duetie incumbent to them in tymes to cume. IV 91.

10 OCTOBER 1674.

The sd. day Alex^{r} Christall wright was ordained to mack up the councel hous stair sufficientlie he haveing gotten timber from the provest for that effect against the ensewing mercat Lukes fair wnder the faillie of Ten pund scots money, and after the samen is sufficientlie and compleitlie put up and accomplished the sd. Allex^{r} to be payit for the same conforme as it sall be aggreit upon betuixt the toune and him theranent. IV 93.

The sd. day the deacon conveiner was ordained to caus chairge the haill deacons of the trade to compeir the nixt dyet and report ther dilligence anent the persones of the severall trades who ar frie in toune and trade and lives w^{t}out the toune and refuses to scot and lot with ther neightboures burgesses in the toune conforme to the former act maid theranent. IV 93.

28 April 1675.

The said day anent a bill and complaint given in be Mr David Sibbald doctor of the gramar school of the sd. citie of Old Abd. against Jon Craib fermorer and George Broune candlemacker ther upon the 19 day of Apryll instant Mackand mentione that q^{r} the sd. Jon Craib hade a sone of his wyffis at the sd. schooll for sex quarteris space and q^{r}of the sd. Jon was restand to the sd. Mr David pay^{t} for thrie quarters and half ane quarter at tuell shilling scots quarterlie due and payable to him as his proportione of the stipend as doctor of the sd schoole and q^{r}of the said Jo Craib would mack no payment to the sd. Mr David, q^{r}for the said Mr David haveing causit arreist the lyk soume in ane other certaine persones hand qlk that persone was restand to the sd. Johne Craib and the sd. Johne Craib haveing causeit lousc the sd. arreistment and q^{r}in the sd George Broune becam cau^{r} in the sd. louseing that the forsd. soume arreisted sould be furth cūmand to the sd. Mr David as law will and so did becuming cau^{r} and in place of the principall in becūming cau^{r} in maner forsd. as the bill at lenth beares Qlk being read heard and considdcred be the prowest and baillies forsds. and they not knoweing perfectlie q^{t} was due to the doctor of the sd. schooll for and as his quarterlie proportione with ilk bairne in the toune did continue the bill in eodem statio quo prius till this day and condiscendit to refer the veritie therof to Mr Patrik Gordone pnt. maister of the sd. school as concerning what was the former practise theranent both to maister and doctor and the sd. Mr Patrick Gordone compearand this sd. day and being interrogat be the provest and baillies forsds. thairanent declaired judiciallie that conforme to the former constant practise thir many and diveris yeris bigaine thair was payit at leist with ilk bairne at the said gramar schoole quarterlie tuell shilling scots to the maister and als much to the doctor Q^{r} anent the haill councell being present were asked if they knew any thing to the contrair and not on persone declaired otherwayes In respect q^{r}of and of the said Mr Patrick Gordone his said declaratione as concerning the said former practice Decerns the said George Broune as he that became cau^{r} in the sd. lowseing for the said Johne Craib to the sd. maister David to pay to the said persewer for what tyme and space the said Johne was restand conforme to twell shilling scots quarterlie within terme of law and decerns the sd. Jon Craib to releive the said

George of the premisses. And for the future leist the lyk sould occur in tyme cūming the provest and baillie foirsds enactes statutes and ordaines that ilk inhabitant and citizen within the toune who presentlie hes or shall heirafter have children at the sd. Grāmar schooll shall pay in all tyme cumming with ilk chyld to the present maister and doctor and their successors maisters and doctors of the sd. gramar schoole tuell shilling scots to the maister quarterlie and als much to the doctor and this act to be inviolablie observed in all tymes heir after conforme to the tenor thairof but contradictione or again calling q^{t}sumever. IV 97.

13 November 1675.

The said day we provest and baillies of Old Abd. hes admitted and be thir pñts. for us and our successors provest and baillies of the sd. citie admittes maister Johne Johnstone our pñt. clerk to be clerk both to the toune and trades of Old Abd. ad vitam vt culpam as lykwyse exempts the said maister Johne Johnstone from payeing of any excyse for his brewing within the toune dureing his sd. office of being clerk. Given wnder our hands day place and yeir of god above wr^{in}. IV 100.

The said day the provest and baillies orderes that ilk quarter maister within ther severall precincts within the toune tack the officeris of the toune with them and goe through the whole toune upon Wednesday nixt 17^{t} instantis and tack inspectione of all such persones within the toune as wants testimonials and hes no kaill nor peites and hes no feasable way of macking a lyvelichoode and to report ther dilligence the nixt court day. IV 101.

5 March 1677.

The said day Patrick Rankin laufull sone to Johne Rankin, glover burges of Abd. was admitted drūmer within the sd. citie for the space of half ane yeir after the dait of thir pnts. qlk sall be his entrie And it is condiscendit upon be the magistrates that the sd Patrick sall have for his sallarie for the sd. half yeir Tuantie merks scots and a frie litle chamber for his accōmodatione dureing the foirsd. space and the sd. Patrick gave his oath of fidelitie in the sd. office and obleist himself to beat the drum at the ordinar tymes daylie to wit at fyve houres in the morning and seven houres at night as also at all others tymes he sall be ordered be the magistrates. IV 112.

6 March 1677.

The said day forsaemekill as within the colledge boundes and others places about Old Aberdeine where severall persones and tradesmen who ar not friemen within the toune nor frie with any of the trades therof receaves and works to severall induellers of the sd. toune to the great prejudice of the priviledge of the trades who ar under deakenries and payes yeirlie to the reader ane considerable pairt of his sallarie for thair priviledge Quhich the provost and baillies tacking to ther serious consideratione, for the future enactes statutes and ordaines that q^t^sumever work pertaining to any induelleris of Old Abd. being wrought be any wnfriemen aither within the sd. colledge bounds or others pairtes about the sd. toune that the severall trades w^t^in the toune hes and sall have in all tyme cuming full power to watch attend and attatch all such work aither careing furth of the toune to be wrought or comeing home wrought and that conforme to former acts maid theranent and the persones transgressors sall be lyable unto such fynes as the magistrates sall decerne and impose upon them for the same.

The sd. day it is enacted statute and ordained be the provest and baillies with the consent and approbatione of the principall maisters and members of the kings colledge that the haill inhabitants within the colledge bounds both tradesmen and others sall in all tymes cūming be lyable in macking ther appearance and be subject to the jurisdictione of Old Abd. and magistrates therof and shall contribute scott and lott proportionallie in all things necessar with the inhabitants of the sd. citie as they and ilk ane of them sall be enjoyned (the sd. colledges oune jurisdictione over them being reserved as formerlie). IV 112.

7 April 1677.

The said day fforsaemeikill as that pairt about the crose the tyme of the mercats is thronged in respect that the cloath sellers doe keip about that pairt in selling ther cloath so that the people cannot frielie pas and repas up and doune the streites Thairfor and for remedie therof in tyme cūming and that the people therof in tyme cūming and that the people may have more roome and be not so thronged as abefore The baillies hes appoynted and ordained that the cloath mercat sall be in tymes cuming in one place all togidder to witt all along the heid and east dyk of Clunyes yard frae the syde of the port

to Clunyes wynd upon the west syde of the hie streit, as also y^{t} the stands upon the midstreit be set onlie single at others ends in a raw and no double stands to be sett over against others. IV 114.

16 JULY 1677.

The said day forsaemeikill as ther [are] severall complaintes given in to the foirsds baillies anent sundrie dissorders wrongs and abuses done and committed within the common mos be sundrie persones within the toune in casting peites and plods in other mens moss that pairts of the samen q^{ch} they and ther predecessors hade bene in vse and custome to cast in abefore both the heretors and tenents of the houssis and tenements they pntlie. posses And in particular ane complaint given in be William Hamiltoune against Patrick Stevin for casting in ther pairt of the said mos belonging to the tenements qlks the said William pntlie. possessis and now heretablie belonging to Thomas Shand of Craig lait thesaurer of Abd. and qlks formelie did heretablie pertaine to baillie Wm. Forbes and his umqll father baillie Johne Forbes and qlk pairt of the said mos the said Wm. Forbes and his said umqll father and ther tenents were in possessione of be casting ther in thir many yeiris bygaine As lykewyse anent sundrie persones ther casting in the said mos who hes no title nor right to cast And therfor to the effect the saidis abuses and wrongs might be rectified and that the lyk might not be committed in tymes cuming It was condiscendit upon that the baillies themselfis sould goe furth to the said mos upon thursday nixt the nynteine day of this instant at ten a clock in the foirnone and visite the said mos and tack inspectione and notice of all wrongs and abuses committed therin And the saids baillies appoyntes Robert Low thesaurer Pat: Kilgour Thomas and William Angusses Wm. Sangster Alex^{r} Straq^{n} William and John Baverlayes and the saids Wm Hamiltoune and Pat: Stevin to goe furth with them the said day and tyme to the effect that all the saids dissorders might be rectified and complaintes satisfied in sae far as possiblie could be gotten done. IV 118.

21 JULY 1677.

The said day anent the visitatione of the common mos and report maid theranent The said Mr. Patrick Gordone one of the saids baillies haveing gone furth with the visitors nominated and appoynted for that

effect And haveing gone through and visited the samen mos and abuses and wrongs committed therin maid report to his said collague and the meitting first that the said mos was abused in that at the tyme of the casting yeirlie they cast all the flayeings of the banks and deid earth all in the ground of the pot in great heaps and does not spread the samen levell wayes to the effect that the under mos might grow up againe levell and the water have cours and passage frae pots As also that ther were verie many litle holls casten up in the said mos and no vse maid of the samen nor peites casten therin and so left in that same conditione unfilled up and levelled Thairfor to the effect that no such abuses be committed in tymes cuming It is enacted statute and ordained be the baillies foirsaids that for the tyme to cume the haill under mos and lair be maid levell under bank ilk yeir immediatlie the tyme of the casting as also that ilk persone who casts in any pairt of the said moss mack the haill under lair qch is now lyeing in heaps levell and evin before the nixt casting to the effect that the water may have passage away furth of the pots and the mos maybe still groweand that under the faulte of scots money.

The said day the baillies ordaines Patrick Stevin to lead the peats qch he had casten in that pairt of the common mos acclaimet be Thomas Shand as successor to the said Baillie Wm Forbes and be William Hamiltoune tenant to the said Thomas off his tenements in Old Abd. And for the said William Hamiltoune his satisfactione the baillies ordaines the said William to cast in any pairt of the mos qlk was occupied be the said baillie William Forbes And as for the propertie of that portione of the mos and to whom the samen sould properlie pertaine the baillies continues the determination theranent till advysement and better informatione. IV 119.

28 July 1677.

The said day it is enacted statute and ordained be the baillies foirsds that all such young boyes who are not but under the power and jurisdictione of ther parents that sall be found and attacched braiking or within any mans yards tacking away carrets syboues neips or ony other kynd of fruit or goeing amongst mens pease spyleing and tacking away aither the pease or the straw if they be in the Grāmar Schooll or musick school that ther names be dilaited be

the owners of the pease and of the yards to ther rēꝑive maisters, and if they be not at schooles that any on of the quarter m^{rs} of the toune shall have power to order the officiars to tack and apprehend all such delinquents aither such boyes as also servants and tradesmens prenteises and put them pn̄tlie in the lyme hous q^{r} they ar to stay whill ther be ane ordor gotten from some magistrate for ther releasment And in speciall that quhom of the sds delinquents they can apprehend in any of the foirsds faultes upon the sabboth day to put and keip them still in prissone whill the minister and magistrates appoynt ther punishment and the parents and maisters of the sds prenteises and servants (if they any have) be fyned at the pleasure of the sds minister and magistrates. IV 119.

2 May 1678.

The said day it is enacted and ordered be the baillies foirsaid that no persone or persones within the toune presume to cast peites or any other fewell within the common mos whill the said mos be visited and sighted be the magistrates of the toune and proportionated amongsts the heretors therof this pnt. yeir so that they and ilk ane of them may know in q^{t} pairt and q^{t} quantitie and number of peites they sall be allotted to cast conform to thair reꝑive tenements and ruides of feild land pertaining heretablie to ilk ane of them in the said citie of Old Abd. and that wnder the faillie off Ten punds scots money to be payit be ilk person transgressand the premissis. IV 127.

14 May 1678.

The sd. day anent the visitatione of the common moss The foirsaids baillies In consideratione that the moss belonging in common to the whole incorporatione of Old Abd. is ingrossed and appropriate by a few private persons who without consideratione of ther mean proportiones of ther tenements or rigs of land have possest themselfis of the greatest and best pairtes of the said mos secludeing and debarring others as if the samen were ther oune propertie In consideratione that the said mos is most egregiouslie abused by everie mans casting at randome without licence or directione from any overseir appoynted or to be appoynted be the magistrates of the said citie q^{r}by the mos is palpablie deterriorat and will undoubtedlie be destroyed and consumed except some pn̄t remedie

be vsed for the future Lykwyse in consideratione that many persones (as is informed) have casten in the said mos thir many yeiris bygaine who have no interest in the old toune naither as to the tenements nor Rigs therof and that some mack a lyveliehoode therof by selling the peites of the said mos to the inhabitants of both the cities promisiouslie and by sething and ferming pairtes of the said mos as if the samen were ther oune propertie Lykwyse in consideratione that ther are frequent debaites and contentiones amongst neighbouris whill on of them debaites for his neighbouris possessione and lair in the said mos as thinking he hes good right therto as possiblie naither of them haveing right In contemplatione of the premissis after many meittings hade be the magistrates with the heretors of the toune and after full and mature deliberatione these expedients following ar judged fitt and proper be the foirsaids baillies for this pñt yeir untill tyme sall discover greatter difficultie and inconveinence in them than at pñt does occur.

Item imprimis that the haill mos sall be divydded in two pairtes, the on pairt to be given to the heretors of the east syde of the toune and the other pairt to those of the west syde and that according to lott Alwayes cair is to be taken that ever syde of the said mos sall happen to fall be cavill to the east syde of the said toune sall be augmented proportionablie according to the number of tenements q^r^by it exceeds the west syde. IV 127.

25 May 1678.

The said day forsaemeikill as ther were divers and sundrie complaints given in to the magistrates be the pñt taxsman of the small and pettie customes to witt the meall and weigh houses anent the measureing of meall and weighting of butter and cheise and other cōmodities w^t^in privat persones houses in the toune to the great prejudice and damnage of the taxsmen thereoff Thairfor and for the future to the effect the taskman pñt nor his successors of the sds. custome may not be wronged nor prejudged in ther sd. custome in tymes cūming the baillies foirsds. enactes statutes and ordaines that q^t^ meall sall be brought into the toune be the countrie people to be sold and measured butter cheise and others of that kynd to be weighted and sall not be brought be them to the cōmon meall and weight houses but sall be sold not measured and weighted within privat houses in the toune

that the citizens and persones of the toune w^{t}in whois houses the said meall sall be sold or measured butter cheise or others weighted sall be comptable to the tounes customer and lyable to him for the custome of the same. IV 129.

6 July 1678.

The sd. day the baillies ordained the haill inhabitants within the toune who keipes gooses drakes or fowles to be advertised be the drum that they keip thair sds. fowles out amongst ther neightbour's cornes and enacts that q^{t} ever fowles sould be found attatched amongst other mens cornes the owners of the fowles sall pay 3 s. 4 d. for ilk fowll attatched. IV 130.

26 April 1679.

The sd. day it is enacted statute and ordained be the baillies foirsds. that q^{t}sumever person or persones within the toune sall in tymes cūming mack rods or wayes aither be hors or fute throw other mens cornes aither oates bear pease or any other graine ilk persone attatched sall pay to the toune threttie shilling scots and that toties quoties for ilk contraventione of the premissis. IV. 135.

12 May 1679.

The sd. day anent a complaint given in be the poore beadmen of the hospitall anent the demolisheing of ther yard dykes destroyeing of cornes bear and oates and kaill growand in the saids yards as the complaint bears ffor remedie q^{r}off and preventing the lyk abuses for the future the baillie foirsd. enacts statutes and ordaines that q^{t}sumever persone or persones within the toune chanonrie or about the kirk and tillidrons hill sall be fund and attatched in tymes cūming within the sd. hospitall yards pertaining to the sds. beadmen aither bracking demolisheing or bracking slopis in the sd yard dykes, macking rods throw the same trampling and destroyeing or away tacking aither cornes bear or oates kaill or any other graine or fruites growand within the sds. yards or sowen therin, ilk persone so attatched or of any breach of the premisis can be revelantlie maid out against them sall be lyable in payment of scots money for ilk contraventione toties quoties and that by and attour the reparatione of the damnage and skaith to be maid in maner foirsd. IV 136.

30 May 1679.

The sd. day forsaemeikill as ther were many and divers grevous complaints given in be the most pairt of the inhabitants within the toune against Thomas Cruikschank flesher anent his bitch for hir abuseing and destroyeing be hir self and others dogs following hior her hot and jollie of the tounes peoples houses by bracking the roapes and thaching theroff and by rūning and leaping throw ther cornes and destroyeing of the same Qlks complaints the baillie tacking to consideratione decerns and ordaines the sd. Thomas Cruikschank being personallie pñt aither iīmediatlie to kill his sd. bitch or otherwayes that he sall be comptable for q^{t} skaith she sall mack in tymes cūming and mack reparatione therof to the pairties wronged and damnified by hir or hir procurement and that wnder q^{t} fiynes the magistrates sall be pleased to impose upon him for ilk damnage and wrong toties quoties. IV 136.

25 October 1679.

The sd day the provest and baillies decerns and ordanes the haill trades ilk ane of them to chuise ther deacons within fourteine dayes under the faillie of q^{t} fyne the sds. magistrates sall be pleased to impose upon the transgressors. IV 140.

4 November 1679.

The said day the baillies admitted Patrick Kilgour watchmaker thesaurer of the toune for thre years nixt ensueing who being personallie pñt accepted the sd. chairge in and upon him and gave his oath de fideli administratione therin.

Item the baillies ordaines the bell to be sent throw the toune im^{lie} after the ryseing of the court for giveing adverteisment to the inhabitants who hade mynd and intentione to tack and roup the tounes Loch to compeir within the councel hous upon saturday nixt at ten houres in the foirnoone and ther to rowp the samen and to bring sufficient cau^{rs} with them for that effect. IV 141.

31 August 1680.

The sd. day William Angus being laufullie sumondit to this day was called pro primo to anser before the sds. magistrates for his oppro-

brious language and uncivill speiches uttered and expressed be him to my lo. Bp. and to Mr George Strachan minister of Old Abd. and the sd. William being called oft tymes and not compeirand the sds. magistrates ordained him to be peremptorlie sumondit against the morrow the first of September against eleven aclock in the foirnoone to compeir in the councel hous with certificatione as effeires. IV 145.

1 September 1680.

The sd. day William Angus being called and personallie compeirand, and after the acknowledgement of his fault cōmitted be him both against my lord Bischop and the minister and referes both his fyne and corporall punishment to the sds. magistrates In the first the provest and baillies forsds. did ordaine the sd. William Angus imediatlie to pas and goe with the sds. magistrates themselfes both to my L. Bp and minister and with all humilitie upon his kneis seriouslie and ingenouslie to acknowledge his fault and beg them pardone for the same As lykwyse they decerne the sd. William Angus in ane unlaw of Tuantie punds scots and to stay in firmance after his returne from the Bp. and minister whill he pay the same or otherwayes find sufficient cautione for pay^t therof.

In obedience to the first pairt of the decernitor the tuo baillies to witt James Scougall and Mr John Buchan reported to the meitting that the sd. William Angus hade passed with them to my L. Bp. and minister and ther hade given satisfactione and maid obedience upon his kneis in maner enjoyned and appoynted be them in pns. of the cōmisser, Mr Robert Forbes and the sds. tuo baillies. IV 146.

14 December 1680.

The sd. day the merchands in Old Abd. desyred from the provest and baillies libertie of the nominatione of thrie collectors w^tin the toune viz on in ilk quarter of the toune, as also on cash keiper for them all and that in reference to the buildeing of ane new loft to be builded be them within the cathedrall kirk of S^ct Machar for the magistrates and ther oune accomodatione Qlk desyre was willinglie granted be the provest and baillies. IV 149.

5 January 1681.

The said day forsaemeikill as the sds. provest and baillies have seriouslie considdered that the pñt merchands of the said toune have

taken burthen upon them of buildeing and erecting a new loft in the cathedrall kirk of S^ct^ Machar for accomodating the magistrates and merchands of the said toune and that conforme to ane right and libertie granted to the saids merchands be Pat. Bp. of Abd. with speciall consent and assent specified in the said right and evident Thairfor the sds. provest and baillies doe heirby statute and enact that everie merchand who sall enter frieman and merchand burges of the said toune after the dait of thir pnts. (and shall not incorporat with the trades) sall be obleidged to pay in scots money into the box of the sds. merchands to be keiped and imployed be the sds. merchands for the publict vse and vtilite of the merchands of the sd. citie and that becaus the sds. merchands ar to have the benefite of the sd. loft and ar frie of any proportione of burthen for buildeing thairof.

Lykas fforsaemeikill as the sds. provest and baillies have taken to ther consideratione that many of the merchands of the sd. citie have engadged and obleist themselfes and contribuited accordinglie to build ane loft in the cathedrall kirk of S^ct^ Machar for accomodatting the magistrates and merchands of the sd. brugh and ther successors and that be vertie of ane right and evident granted to the sds. merchands be my Lord Bp. of Abd. with the speciall consent and assent therin spec^t^ Thairfor the sds. magistrates lykwyse enacts statutes and ordaines that all the pnt. merchand traders of the sd. brugh liveand within or without the toune shall enjoy the libertie friedome and vse of the sd. loft and sall bear ther proportionall burthens and pay ther proportionall pairt of the haill expensses waired or to be waired upon the buildeing of the sd. loft and g^r^allie sall bear equall burthen with the sds. merchands in defrayeing all expensses of pley of law that the merchands sall be engadged in and all other expensses for the good and vtilitie of the merchands of the sd. brugh, and sall enjoy all the benefite that sall accres to other merchands be vertue of the incorporatione. IV 151.

26 April 1681.

The sd. day the baillie decerns Marjorie Gareoch in ane amerciament off court be vertue of laufull probatione led and deduceit against hir and judiciallie sworne for the miscalling and abuseing of James Fraser weaver and his wyff by calling him landlowper and begger fellow and sayeing to his wyff that she might have beine banished the toune

seven yeires syne and therfor to pay to the thesaurer for the vse of the toune fourtie shilling scots and to stay in firmance whill she pay the fyne or find sufficient cautione for pay^{t} of the samen. IV 150.

8 August 1681.

The said day the brewers in Old Abd. at least the most pairt of them by order from my Lo. Bischop of Abd. in respect of the absence of the baillies, none of them being in toune, and becaus of the laying on of ane pairtie upon the toune for the Brewers excyse they not being as yet stented and not knoweing what to pay, being conveined in the councel hous for electing and chuseing of stent maisters for stenting of ther excyse of brewing frae the first of May 1681 to the first of Novr 1681 The electione of the qlks stent maisters being referred to the brewers oune electione and choyse to the effect that none of them might have any scruple or objectione against any of the stent maisters to be chosen be themselfs the sds. brewers being conveined as sd. is after mature deliberatione did unanimouslie elect and chuise the persones under writtin to be stent maisters of the foirsd. half yeires excyse viz frae the first of May 1681 to the first of Novr the sd yeir To witt James Fraser George Ronnald Robert Low David Murray James Fiddes Allex^{r} Fraser Androw Watsone and James M^{c}kcasland, and the sds. stent maisters being so elected as sd. is did upon the morrow (in respect of the absence of the baillies as sd. is) pas to my Lo. Bp. and did give ther oathes de fideli administratione anent the sd. stent viz that they should stent the said half yeires excyse upon the Brewers of the said toune without partialitie feir or favour to any persone and according to the best of ther knowledge and best informatione they could get from other persones. IV 155.

14 October 1682.

And sick lyk the sd. Reverend father enactes statutes and ordaines for the better encouradgement of the citzeens and for thair better and speidie dispatch of such complaintes and actiones that sall happen to be persewed and intented be the citizens and inhabitants of the toune before the baillies and magistrates thairoff That the Baillies sall sit to administer justice monethlie per vices and that on baillie sall sitt weiklie in the councel hous ilk saturday of ilk weik at Ten houres in the foirnoone to hear complaintes and administer justice therin conforme to

former acts maid theranent To the effect the tounes people may know the baillies sett and appoynted dyets for their sds. meittings and mack thair applicatione conforme. IV 161.

19 October 1682.

The sd. day the Baillies decerns Allex^r Sted in ane amerciament of court for his uncivill cariage and behaviour towards Allex^r Howstone at Keithaksmilne and Ingrahame his spous in abuseing them in his drunkennes upon the mercat night at evin with many vile and oprobrious speiches and in following them upon the hie streit and abuseing them with many raileing and uncivill speiches and therfor to pay to the thesaurer for the vse of the toune four pund scots money and to [be] put and keiped in firmance whill he pay the same and langer dureing the pleasure of the magistrates. IV 163.

28 July 1683.

The said day the Baillies at the speciall desyre of the merchands of the toune appoynts Robert Low James Fiddes James Thomsone and Androw Robertsone to visite the merchands compts and to tack notice of all such persones as hes intrometted with the merchands moneys and to give in thair dillegence to the baillies this day fourtnight and nominats and appoyntes Robert Low preses of thair meittings and any other tuo with him of the persones nominated to be a coram. IV 167.

16 October 1683.

And sicklyk the baillies ordaines the drūmer to goe throwth the toune with the drum this afternoone to give advertisement to and chairge the citzens and inhabitants within the toune to remove thair guideing aff of the causies anent and besyde thair rēȝive houses and dores this afternoone under the faillie of fyve pund scots and lykwyse confiscatione of thair guideing.

Lykas the sd. day it is enacted statute and ordained be the foirsds baillies that the haill trades within the toune peremptorlie chuise thair rēȝive deacans of thair severall rēȝive trades before the first day of November nixt preceislie and after the said electione of thair rēȝive deacans to elect and chuise thair deacan conveiner preceislie within

eight dayes imediatlie therafter under the faillie of fiftie pund scots money and this act to be punctuallie observed be the trades in all tymes cuming under the foirsd faillie. IV 169.

3 November 1683.

The said day the baillies ordors Patrick Kilgour thesaurer to caus mack to William Walker drumer in the toune ane long coat of ane purpie collour with quhyt lace therupon with breiches and stockings of that same collour with all conveinent dilligence qlk they promeised sould be allowed to him in his accompts. IV 171.

26 February 1684.

The said day the Baillies haveing ordained the officiars to sumond Janet Kairnie servitrix to James Chrystie mer^d^ to compeir this day in pnce. of the foirsds. ballies to abyde and answer for hir odious and scandalous conversatione with schollars and others and being thrie severall tymes called and not compeirand Elspet Cumings hir mistris declaired that she was fled bot did not know where, and so by hir flight she hade taken the guilt upon hir for the qch she was cited to appear Quhairfor the Baillies foirsds. ordanes ane act of Banishment to be imediatlie issued furth against hir in all tymes cuming and that q^t^sumever persone or persones within this toune or friedomes therof that resets hir and does not present hir before the baillies ar heirby decerned and ordained to pay to the thesaurer for the tounes vse ten punds scots and to be put in prisson and keiped therin whill they pay the same and ordores the drumer to goe throw the toune imediatlie and mack publict intimation of thir pnts. to the effect that none pretend ignorance. IV 173.

23 August 1684.

The said day, the provest and baillies enactes statutes and ordaines that the haill inhabitants and citizens of Old Abd. and colledge bounds be readie upon the verie first advertisement prepared and furnished with spades shovels and others materials and instruments neidfull as they sall be requyred to goe to the bridge of Don and ther to red the hie way be north the said Bridge conforme as thair names sall be given up in ane roll to the tounes officiars and the inhabitants of the colledge

bounds or at leist so many off them as sall be advertised to goe furth wpon Monday nixt against what tyme of the day they sall be warned for that effect with certificatione that whatsumever person sall be deficient sall pay fourteine shilling scots and be imediatlie poyndit for the same after the said deficiencie. IV 178.

21 May 1685.

The said day the baillies haveing mett with divers others of the inhabitants of the toune did call for the ordinar militiamen belonging to the toune viz Androw Lyndsay Patrick Cruikschank William Walker and Thomas Watsone, and as for the fyft man q^{ch} was put furth be the toune abefore for Helen Cullen the tyme of hir widowhood and whom she is lyable to put out for hir waters upon Don bot now being cloathed with ane husband the baillies protested the toune might be frie of the sd. fyft man Q^{r}for Allex^{r} Fraser merchand tenent and taxsiman of the sd. water belonging to the sd. Helen Cullen in lyfrent engadged himself to the effect she sould not be fund deficient to furnish ane man for hir sufficientlie mounted And the sds. four militia souldiours for the toune compeirand and being to pas to the privat randevouz to morrow and therafter to the generall randevouz att Turreff The baillies foirsds. ordained the said Allex^{r} Fraser merchand, principall Taxsman of the tounes customes and Patrick Fraser subtaxsman of the samen and Thomas Kilgour in respect of Patrick Kilgour thesaurer his father his absence furth of this kingdome for the tyme to mount the sds. four militia souldiours sufficientlie with new reid coates and shoes against the g^{r}all. randevouz and thair former ordinar armes and for that effect with all expeditione to buy plaideing caus make lilt and shag the samen and caus mack the sds coats for the foirsds. four souldiours in haist and to pay to ilk ane of the sds. four souldiours tuantie dayes loan at v s. per diem conforme to the act emitted theranent The sds. souldiours being alwayes lyable and obleist to delyver up thair armes and coates to the thesaurer and his successors at thair returne home from ilk randevouz and to be keiped be him whill the souldiours be called for againe. IV 182.

11 July 1685.

The said day it is enacted statute and ordained be the provest and baillies that the haill persones within the toune who hes bene admitted

friemen within the toune since compeir when they sall be called and produce before the magistrates of the toune furnished with ane sufficient Gun aither musket or fyre lock or els with ane sufficient pick as lykwyse that all persones within the toune who sall be admitted friemen and burgesses of the samen in tymes cūmeing shall bring with them the tyme of thair admissione ane musket fyre lock or pick and declair wpon thair oathes that the samen armes ar thair owne and doe belong to themselfes properlie to the effect that the tounes men may be the better provyded and furnished with armour when the toune shall happen to have to doe with the same. IV 186.

20 March 1686.

The said day anent ane complaint given in be Matilda Angus relict of the deceissed William Milne book-binder against George Gray flesher mackand mentione that the sd. George Gray hade a mastiffe dog a bytter both of people and beasts and in particular that he hade tuo severall tymes houndit and bitten a cow belonging to the said Mathilda Angus by ryveing both hir lugs casting hir in a ditch and myre and almost killing hir as the complaint bears Thairfor the provest and baillies haveing taken the complaint to consideratione and to the effect that no such enormities and wrongs be cōmitted be the sd. dog in tymes cūming The said George Gray becam exacted bund and obleist to the foirsds. provest and Baillies that what skaith or damnage his sd. dog sould doe and cōmitt against any persone man woman or chyld or beast within the toune aither by bytting, pulling them doune renting thair cloathes or vther wayes, he sould satisfie for the wrong and damnage to the partie damnified and wronged and mack reparatione to the full for the skaith and wrong . . . and William Sangster fermorer becam enacted as caur for the said George Gray for performing of the premissis. IV 199.

1 January 1687.

The said day forsaemeikill as ther was a complaint given in to the baillies by some of the members of the deacan conveiner court of the trades of Old Abd. against divers others persones and members of the said conveiner court anent the bracking up of the conveiner Box without consent of the haill members of the conveiner court and q^lk^ complaint

the sds. Baillies haveing sene heard and considdered and being ryplie and at length advysed anent the said wrong and being cairfull that the lyk wrong be not cōmitted in tyme cūming The Baillies foirsds. hes enacted statute and ordained and be thir pnts. enactes statutes and ordaines for the future that at whatsumever tyme ther sall happen to fall out any debait or controversie amongst the trades anent the opening of the conveiner Box That if they cannot unanimouslie agrie amongst themselfes that none off them upon q^t^sumever pretext or accompt presume nor tack upon hand to brack up the sd. conveiner Box Bot for decydeing any contraversie amongst the trades anent the sd. box and moneyes contained therin that they sall mack thair adres to the magistrates of the toune that by thair ordor the keyes of the said Box may be conveined and presented be the keipers of the samen and the Box opened as the saids magistrates sall think fitt and conveinent and in caice they sall neglect to call for the magistrates bot contumaciouslie brack or attempt to braik open the said Box of themselfes that than and in that caice it is heirby enacted that each persone contraveining and fund guiltie sall pay the soume of fourtie punds scots money and to be put in firmance and remaine therin ay and whill they pay the sd fyne. IV 206.

23 July 1687.

The said day it is enacted statute and ordained be the Baillies that no persone nor persones within this toune colledge bounds nor friedome of the samen presume nor tack upon hand after the day and dait heiroff to resaitt any sorners sturdie or stranger Beggers give assistance mantenance or harborie to any such beggers, Bot allenarlie to such as belong to the toune and paroche and hes lived thairin thir many yeires and ar now become depauperat and ar to be listed in the poores roll of the toune and paroche and shall get and have badges q^r^by they may be knowen besyde strangers with certificatione to such as shall doe in the contrair they sall be lyable to and pay the fynes and other punishments contained in the acts of parliament maid anent sorners and sturdie Beggers. IV 212.

Lykas the said day forsaemeikill as there [are] many great and greivous complaints given into the magistrates be all the persones within the toune who hes cornes and bear in and about the toune against such persones as hes and mantaines bitches in thair houssis

within the toune By reasone that q^{n} the said bitches ar hot and jollie they conveine a great number of dogs q^{ch} comes to them and goes throw mens cornes bracks and destroyes the samen and bracks and destroyes the housses within the toune and Thacking thairoff and bracks and destroyes the kaill and other hearbs within thair yards to the exceiding great damnage and prejudyce of the owners Thairfor and for remeid heirof in tymes cūming the Baillie foirsaid heirby does expreslie enact statute and ordaine that no persone nor persones within the toune nor friedome thairof keip nor maintaine bitches in tyme cūming within thair reqive. housses to thair neighbours said prejudice and that such persones as hes any bitches at present that they aither kill them or put them furth of the toune within tuantie four houres nixt after the dait hairoff with certificatione to such as sall contraveine the premissis ilk contraveiner sall pay four punds scot money and be imediatlie poyndit for the same without forgivenes of any pairt thairoff and to the effect that none pretend ignorance heiroff the baillie foirsaid ordores the drumer to goe through the toune with the drum and mack intimatione heirof to all inhabitants of the toune of this pnt. act that so the contraveiners may be unexcuseable. IV 212.

8 October 1687.

The said day forsaemeikill as there were divers complaints and greivances given into the magistrates be the trades of Old Abd. against William Walker drūmer and in particular be the deacans of the tailzeor weaver and flescher trades for not doeing duetie within the toune in goeing throw the same with the drum ilk morning and evening conforme as he is bund in duetie to doe and that becaus he hade complained to the magistrates upon them for not payeing him the sallarie q^{ch} they hade promeised to him upon conditione allenarlie that he sould doe his duetie as he is obleidged notwithstanding that is notourlie knowen and seine that he in nowayes does the same as was acknowledged by the magistrates themselfes Thairfor and for the sd. drumer his doeing and performing all duetie incumbent to him within the toune anent his sd. office The baillies foirsds to the effect that no such complaints be given in against him for the lyk in tyme cūming hes enacted and be their pnts. enacts for the future that if he shall onnywayes faill in doeing duetie and not goeing throw the toune and beating the drum ilk

morning and evening at the ordinar tymes and seasons vseit and wont the weather being dry and he in health That the trades and ilk trade sall retaine af of his sallarie due be them to him tuell pennies scots for ilk morning and evening he sall not goe throw the toune and beat the drum and that toties quoties for ilk contraventione that sall be maid out against him the weather dry and he in health as sd. is. IV 213.

12 NOVEMBER 1687.

The said day anent ane complaint given in be some off the deacans of the trades against divers of the persones members of the samen for their contumacie and dissobedience to their reuive. deacans, and particular for not convēing to their reuive. courts when they ar laufullie chairged by thair officiars, bot wilfullie and contumaciouslie absenting themselves therefrome but any collour of excuse as the complaint bears Thairfor and to the effect that no persone nor member of any of the trades of Old Aberdeine presume to dissobey their reuive. deacans for the future in not comeing to their reuive. courts when they sall be chairged laufullie and tymouslie thereto be thair oune officiars the baillies enacts and ordaines that ilk dissobedient persone sall pay to thair oune reuive. boxes and boxmaisters for the vse of the trade seven shilling scots for the first fault fourteine shilling for the second and to be doubled for the third fault and deprvyed of their fredome by and attour wnles they have laufull and relevant excuses and acknowledged and accepted by their deacans. IV 215.

28 APRIL 1688.

The said day the baillies by ordor from my Lord Bischop of Abd. hes enacted and speciallie ordained for eviteing of animosities and troubles betuixt the trades of Old Abd. and trades of New Abd. for the future That no deacan or any other member of any Incorporatione within any of the trades of Old Abd. presume in any tyme cūming to raise any lres. of lawborrowes or others lres. in tymes cōmeing against any tradesman in Abd. or any other persones whatsumever without the speciall advyce and consent of the Bischop of Abd. or the magistrates of Old Abd. And that whatsumever persone or persones of the trades shall doe in the contrair shall pay fourtie punds scots and be depryved of their fredome both within toune and trade. IV 217.

OLD ABERDEEN, in 1688.

From Slezer's Theatrum Scotiæ.

10 OCTOBER 1688.

The said day the haill tenents and occupiars of the rigs and ruides of land of Old Abd. and liberties theroff being conveined and not haveing conduced and fied the four militia souldiours q^{ch} they were lyable to put furth for the toune for his majesties present expeditione and they haveing earnestlie desyred the sd. provest and baillies to conduce the sds. four militia souldiours for them and the provest and baillies haveing met abefore It was condiscendit upon that ilk tenent and occupiar of the rigs and ruides of land within the toune and liberties thairof foirsds shall pay to James Thomsone pnt. thes^{r} of the toune four punds scots money this day and to-morow for conduceing and outreiking the four militia souldiours of foote to his majesties service in this pnt. expeditione which they faythfullie promeised to pay to the sd. James Thomsone upon demand Bot in respect they fand it impossible for them to advance the whole at once upon such short adverteisment and within so short a tyme they earnestlie entreated my Lord provest to caus the said thesaurer advance fourtie shilling scots for ilk ane of them in ordor to the outreik of the foirsds. four militia souldiours and which they enacted themselfes iudiciallie to repay to the sd. James Thomsone thes^{r} of the toune upon demand as sd. is The whilk request the provest fand reasonable and orders the thes^{r} to advance the foir-said soume of fourtie shilling for ilk ane of them conforme to their sd. request and their obleidgment foirsd. and interponned his authoritie therto. IV 219.

13 OCTOBER 1688.

The said day Patrick Cruikschank couper in Old Abd. Thomas Watsone there James Touch and William Craighead there conduced and fied themselfes with the provest and baillies and the thesaurer to goe furth and to be militia souldiours for the toune in their pnt. expeditione and in all other expeditiones when ever they sould be called to his majesties service for the space of ffyve yeires according to the agriement betuixt the magistrates and the thesaurer and them and engadged themselves that the toune should fall wnder no deficiencie dureing the foirsd. space throw their default and who receaved pnt. payment both of their fie their outreik and loan money to witt each of thrie of them tuantie seven pund and the said James Touch tuantie

eight pund with ten dayes loan to each on of them at sex shilling scots per diem. IV 220.

The said day in respect of divers outrages thifts and pillages and others enormities cōmitted in New Abd. by loose and ydle persones and for the preventing of the lyk in this toune and also for defence of the toune from forraigne or inbred invasiones and conforme to that preparative in the said brugh of Abd. The provest and baillies hes enacted and ordained and by thir pnts. enactes and by thir pnts. ordaines that ther sall be ane guard nightlie within the toune consisting of tuell armed men and ane overseer of each guard and the provest and baillies appoynts George Nicolsone James Watt William Andersone John Mckdonald John Fergusone Androw Cassie James Sheipheard George Gareoch John Marnoch George Ronald Allex^{r} Hatt Patrick Walace George Hunter James Fiddes Allex^{r} Christall Arthur Knight Patrick Fraser Robert Milne Allex^{r} Symsone Duncan Cassie and Androw Robertsone to be the overseers of the sd. guard and they to attend nightlie with the sd. guard ilk ane of them per vices within ther oune precincts and quarters as it shall befall them and for that effect that the toune be divyded in four equall quarters And ordors the said guard and watch to enter with ther overseer in that pairt q^{r} it sall begin upon Monday nixt at ten houres at night and to continue till fyve houres in the morning and so furth to continue frae ten houres at night till fyve in the morning in all tyme therafter sae lang as the samen shall be found necessar And for the better ordoring of the sd. watch and guard the provest and baillies nominats and appoynts John Couper James Knight David Murray and Patrick Walace to be the four quarter maisters w^{t}in the toune and ilk ane of them within the reqive. quarters to sie the said watch and guard set and ordored according to the instructiones to be given to them be the magistrates to that effect. IV 220.

24 November 1688.

The said day compeired James Thomsone Thes^{r} within the councel hous and produced the armes coft and payit be him by ordor of the magistrates for the vse of the toune With the armes q^{ch} did belong to the toune abefore and delyvered the samen to Maister George Fraser on of the baillies To witt nyne fyrelock guns, ten halberts tuo swords and

tuo banderls, with tuo militia muskets, tuo picks and other tuo swords q^{ch} did belong to the toune abefore Qlks fyre locks and muskets ar brint with the tounes mark and birn yron which is Old Abd Qlk armes the sd. Mr George Fraser accepted of and receaved from him and discharged the sd. James Thomsone of the samen. IV 221.

16 March 1689.

The said day it is enacted statute and ordained by the provest and baillies that none of the tounes officiars presume in any tyme to come to sute or chairge any Inhabitant within the old toune of Abd. or friedome thairoff before the Bischops baillie nor medle with any affaires belonging to that court against the sd. Inhabitants and tounes people nor execute any of the bischops baillies decreites against any of the sds. tounsmen wnder the paine of Ten punds scots toties quoties for ilk contraventione and deprivatione of ther office and friedome within the toune.

Item the said day it was enacted that the wals of the Councel hous and schooll sall be repaired with all convenient dilligence, and the schooll to be floored and convenient seats made (such as ar wanting) for the schollars of the musick schooll. IV 226.

23 March 1689.

The said day it is appoynted be the baillie with consent of the councell that a letter be drawan and sent to the Bischop holding furth the designe some of the heretors and parishioners have anent the divisione of the kirk To prefeir the heretors not reseiding within the paroche and all the tenents within it to the magistrates merchants and tradesmen within this brugh contrair to ther just right and therfor to entreatt the Bischop to recōmend them to the presbetrie that they be not wronged and that they may have ther seats conforme to ther rights and priviledges. IV 226.

26 March 1689.

The said day it is enacted statute and ordained be the provest and baillies that no persone nor persones within the old toune of Abd. or chanonrie wasch any cloathes or any thing els at any pairt of the Chanonrie from the head to the fute theroff, bot onlie at the backsyde

nixt to the loch, and that they sett ther fyres and washeing vessels ther, and throw out ther fowll water on the south syde of the entrie of the sd. chanell that no pairt of the sd fowll water may fall in the sd. chanell As lykwyse that no persone wash at any pairt of Powies burne above the bridge, unles they set ther fyres, wash and throw out ther fowll water at some distance from the Burne where the fowll water may not fall or come therto And sick lyke dischairges all persones to Tramp and wash in Tubs upon any pairt of the high streit from the on end of the toune to the other and that vnder the penaltie of fourtie shilling scots to be payit to the Thes^r for the vse of the toune and tuell shilling scots to the officiars who are heirby impowered to poynd ther cloathes and washing tubs thairfor whill they be payit and that for each transgressione toties quoties. IV 226.

1 May 1689.

The sd. day forsaemeikill as it hes beene many and divers tymes in practise that the magistrates of the toune and any on of them by themselfes without the consent of the provest and the councell of the toune hes taken up and also forgiven pairtes of wnlawes as also of the compositiones of friemen set doune in the court acts, so that the Thes^r knowes not what to exact from them, the acts of the court being his onlie rule Thairfor it is enacted statute and ordained be the provest baillies and councell that in all tyme cūming naither the provest nor any of the baillies of the toune sall have power to forgive any pairt aither of fynes or compositiones for friedome or any pairt of the tounes cōmon guide without the speciall consent and approbatione of the haill councell or most pairt therof hade and obtained for that effect and therto. IV 229.

4 May 1689.

The said day forsaemeikill as the saids baillies intend for the better accomodatione of the tounes people for casting ther peites therin this current yeir For that effect they nominat and appoynt the persones underwrittin To witt John Couper, Thesaurer John Pedder William Baxter, Allexander Couper, William Mackie, Robert Milne, William Sangster, James Fiddes, Thomas Angus, Duncan Cassie, James Knight, Patrick Walace, William Orem and Allexander Watt to goe furth to the said cōmon mos with the saids baillies themselves upon

Monday nixt the sext day of this instant and with them to tack inspectione of the said mos and find out the best method that can be fallen upon for the heretors of the tenements and rigs of land and ther tenents ther tymens and regular casting ther peites this current yeir, and that the said mos may be improven to ther best advantage and accomodatione proportionallie amongst them without the unnessarie abuse thairoff as hes beine done formerlie and to conveine preceisie betwixt eight and nyne houres in the foirnoone the foirsaid day for that effect at the Theasurers hous or at the crose And lykwyse ordores that the principall of the Colledge be advertised of the day and tyme in respect (as it is informed) he intends to goe furth lykwyse As also ordores the officiars to chairge Robert Drum, James Mathewsone William Robertsone and all others who ordinarlie hyres themselves to cast peites to the tounes people in the said mos To compeir at the said mos the foirsaid day under the paine of fyve punds Scots. IV 230.

8 May 1689.

The said day the Baillies foirsaids with the visitors nominat and appoynted for visiteing the comon mos haveing conveined the day appoynted for the visitatione therof past to the said mos and haveing surveyed the samen and taken all the difficulties and impediments q^{ch} might hinder the regular casting of peites be the tounes people therin and the great abuse of the said moss by irregular casting therin After mature deliberatione The saids baillies and councell thinks and finds it expedient that for the right improveing of the said moss for the future ther be ane stank casten with all dilligence nixt to the east end of the moss across the samen from south to north, and from that cross stank ane other stank comeing from the midle of the said cross stank towards the west lineallie to be casten to the east [*sic* west] end of the said moss and that ilk heretor of tenements and houses of sex elnes in breadth cast no more peites bot onlie threttie loads of win peites and the heretors of field land and Rigs of tuell elnes threttie loads and no more As also that no heretor set any pairt of the moss q^{r}of they ar in possessione to any persone whatsumever within or without the toune nor suffer nor permitt any persone to cast peites therin bot what sall be for ther oune or ther tenants vses allenarlie As also that no heretor nor possessor cast peites in ther rexive. mosses and sell the samen to any

person within or without the toune bot lead the samen for ther oune vses as said is And that they cast onlie according to the number above written at sex elnes breadth the tenement With certificatione to those who doe in the contrair heiroff aither sets ther moss or sels ther peites sall pay Ten pund toties quoties and ther peites sall be confiscat Lykas the foirsaids baillies and councell ordores and impowers John Cooper Thes^{r} Patrick Kilgour, Patrick Walace, and Andrew Cassie to try out for men to cast the saids stanks and agree with them for the same at als cheap a rait as they can and to report ther agriement to the magistrates and show them what the casters will have. IV 231.

24 May 1689.

The said day there was ane greivance given in to the baillie and councell be the shoemakers of Old Abd. against John Hutcheon in the colledge bounds for encroacheing upon their priviledges by bringing in new shoes severall tymes to sell within the said toune and for q^{ch} shoes he hes many tymes receaved payment albeit he be no frieman aither in the toune or trade and q^{r}for the said trade craved that he might be fyned according to law and that the shoes pntlie. taken by them from him might be confiscat to the vse of the cordiner trade and he lykwyse to desist from selling or bringing of any shoes for the future and in respect the said John Hutcheon compeired not being laufullie sūmondit to this day for that effect the baillie decerns the shoes taken to be confiscat for the vse of the sd. trade Reserveing actione to Patrick Walace who coft and payit for the saids shoes as accords of the law. IV 232.

10 June 1689.

The said day the baillies and councell (to the effect the inhabitants and people of Old Abd. may be instructed and acquainted in and with the heates and discipline of war and learne to handle ther armes handsomlie) have ordored and heirby ordors and ordaines that ther sall be ane daylie Randevouze of tuantie four of the sd. tounes men ilk day heirafter at thre aclock in the afternoone and to conveine in the Bowling greene at the Kings Colledge ilk day at the tyme foirsaid where John Keyth wreitter in Edz^{r} at the earnest desyre of the magistrates of the toune will attend and wait upon them and teach learne and instruct and exercise them in all the poynts of handling ther armes aright according

to ther capacities, and the first day of the sd exercise to be and begin to morow tuesday at thre aclock in the afternoone in the sd. Bowling greene and to continue ilk day therafter (except the Lords day) so long as the magistrates sall think fitt and expedient and be informed how they have proffeited by ther sd. exercise, and ordores the tounes officars to begin at the bridge of Don and Seattoune and that end of the old toune nixt to the bridge of Don and chairge in the first tuantie four men, and so to goe throw the whole old toune and colledge bounds and chairge tuantie four men ilk day therafter. IV 234.

22 JULY 1689.

The sd. day in respect that John Couper Thes^r^ was at present in Ed^r^ about his laufull effaires The baillies and councell appoynts Duncan Cassie Thes^r^ deput in his place till his returne to the toune and to furnish twantie stone weight of powder and three stone weight of lead to be keiped reserved for the vse of the toune whill necessitie requyres that the tounes people have vse for the same and that the pryce of the sd. gunpowder and lead be payit to the said Duncan be the sd. John Couper Thes^r^ at his returne. IV 236.

Lyk as the said day the baillies and councell by reasone of the troubles in this pairt of this kingdome and for fear of invasione by the highlandmen have thought it fitt and convenient to set up and put the nightlie guaird on fote again within the toune for the preservatione thereof wnder god, the samen guaird haveing beine dischairged for a tyme and therfor ordores and appoynts that ther sall be ane nightlie guaird within the toune consisting of tuantie four men each night by and attour ther reꝫive. caiptaines and the sd. guaird of the foirsaid number to enter and begin this same night at nyne houres at night and to continue whill fyve houres upon the morrow and so to continue enter and dissolve at the foirsds sett and apoynted tymes of night and day dureing the haill tyme of the sd. guaird and watch. And for regulating of the which guaird the sds. baillies and councell nominats and appoynts the persones underwrittin To witt David Murray Patrick Walace John Marnoch James Fiddes Robert Milne James Sheipheard George Ronald and Arthur Knight to be caiptaines of the said guaird and watch and that they attend personallie in ther duetie ilk ane of them per vices reꝫive. the appoynted nights and tymes when

it sall befall them With full power to the sds. reuive. caiptaines to ordor and cōmand the sd. guaird regularlie as they sall think fitt Set furth the sentinels and doe all other things necessar theranent And that the sd guaird and ilk persone therof readdilie obey ther reuive. captaines as if it were the magistrates themselves and carie themselves soberlie and nowayes be drunk with certificatione if they or any of them transgres in any on of the premisses they sall be fyned and punished conforme to ther misdemeaner and qualitie of ther fault.

Lykas it is enacted and ordained be the baillies and councell foirsds. that ilk fencible man within the toune sall provyde for and have ane fyre lock and sword or sword and partisan or sword and halbert against this day eight dayes 29 instantis under the faillie of Tuell punds scots money. IV 236.

27 JULY 1689.

The sd. day the baillies ordores John Couper Thesr to pay the persones underwritten To witt Androw Cassie, David Nairne, James Meassone, William Crombie, Allexr Mathewsone, William Nickoll and John Auld to ilk one of them sexteine shilling scots for the hyre of ane hors from ilk on of them for goeing from Old Meldrum with their horss to Strathbogie with the english horsmens baggage and amunitione with tuell shilling more to the sd. John Auld for goeing with his hors to Keithhall and bringing home John Keyth to Old Abd. from that pairt wpon his said hors. As lykwyse ordores the sd. John Couper to furnish William Walker drūmer with ane suite of cloathes of such cloath as he sall think fitt according to his qualitie with all diligence consisting of ane long meitt coat, ane pair of breiches, stockings of the same cloath and ane pair double solled shoes. And in respect the said drūmer is now and hes beene a good space bypast in the tounes service beyond ordinair and is so to continue, sick as at generall Randevouzes of the toune, divers privat excerciseing of the tounes people and in speciall in serveing in the nightlie watch and guaird And the sd. baillies ordores the sd. Thesaurer to insert the sd. money and cloathing in his accompts and that the same sall be allowit to him in the first end theroff. IV 236.

22 JANUARY 1690.

The said day William Leitch laufull sone to the deceissed John Leitch baxter burges of Old Abd. being apprehendit for alleadged

cōmitting of ane ryot against some of the king's forces in this place and he being delyvered to the magistrates by Major Guthrie cōmodant of the forces here for the tyme and the sd. Major haveing a favour and respect to the toune being pleased to remitt any injurie he did to the souldiours Thairfor the sd. William as prin[ll] and Maister James Leich his brother german and Ro[t] Milne bookbinder in Old Abd. his brother-in-law as cautioners and soverties for him heirby enactes binds and obliges them conlie. and severallie that the said Williame Leitch by God's grace sall in all tyme heirafter demaine and behave himself civilie and peaceablie not onlie towards those of his mat[ies] forces quartered here under cōmand of the sd. Major Guthrie bot also towards all others of thir mat[ies] forces who shall happen heirafter to be quartered upon or travelling and conversant in the place and that he sall give non of them any just ground of offence or provocatione and that under the paine of ane hundreth punds scots money of penaltie and undergoeing all farder punishment the magistrates sall impose upon him according to his transgressione toties quoties. IV 243.

22 SEPTEMBER 1690.

The said day it is agreed betwixt the Baillies and the heritors [of the Ruides of land in and about Old Abd.] and Androw Cassie that the Ruides of land about and in the toune shall be adjoyned with the rest of the Ruides of land in and about the sd. toune of Old Abd. and that on valuatione shall serve for both theirs and his lands in all tyme cūming And sicklyk that the haill Ruides of land in the Chanonrie be adjoyned with the rest of the lands about the toune in tyme cūming conforme to old vse and wont and be stented with the same proportionallie heirafter. IV 251.

5 MARCH 1691.

The said day compeired Maister George Fraser on of the Baillies and proposed that after the removeing of Allexander Couper present maister of the musick schooll no persone who sall succeid to him in that chairge and be maister of the said schooll shall keip ane cōmon change within the toune and requyred the opinione of the meitting therin and q[r]unto the said haill meitting gave ther approbatione and consent except Baillie William Baxter who allenarlie dissasented to the sd. propositione.

Lyk as the said Maister George Fraser baillie afterwards desyred all to considder that upon Tuesday last he hade called them togither and than desyred them to have there thoughts on a fitt persone to succeid to Allexander Couper in the schooll against the nixt meitting and being now mett he asked iff they were now ryp to give ther thoughts of a successor to Allexander Couper as schooll maister in the toune to which all replyed they were (except Baillie Baxter who removed himself and would not joyne in the electione) wpon the removeall the sd. baillie George Fraser enquyred if any ther by reasone of his removeall would withdraw and not joyne in the electione none appearing to adhere the whole meitting consisting of the tounes councell deacan conveiner, deacans and maisters of the trades and severall other inhabitants of the toune vna voce desyred the electione sould go on Than the Baillie desyred any desyrous to succeid as schoolmaister to Allexander Couper Upon which call appeared only Maister Robert Gelleis fullie knowen to all the meitting as a young man of a good lyff and conversatione and of sufficient prudence to governe a schooll Thairfor the Baillie foirsaid enquyred if he was willing to wndergo tryall, who answered he was, and being tryed in reading, writting and arithmetick as also in vocal and instrumentall musick and that in presence of the whole meitting The Baillie foirsd. asking everie on ther present ther opinione all (except Allex^{r} Grig deacan of the weavers) voted for Maister Robert Gelleis to succeid to Allex$_{r}$ Couper as schoolmaister foirsaid and to enjoy all the emoluments belonging therto And the preceiding act being intimated to him he did accept of the said office and tuik instrument thairupon Than it was proposed to recōmend the sd. Maister Robert Gelleis now chosen to the minister and elders to be chosen their Sessione Clerk and Reader in the kirk which was approven by all And the clerk haveing drawen a recōmendatione it was instantlie subscryved by all present excepting as afoirsaid. IV 254.

23 July 1691.

The said day it is appoynted and agried upon be the baillies that ilk ane of them shall sitt and exerce ther office monethlie per vices and keip ane court weiklie wpon ilk Saturuday of the weik with ane quorum of the councell thre being declaired to be ane quorum and ane full councell to be called the first Thursday off everie moneth for dispatche-

ing of effaires of more speciall concernment concerning the toune and that Baillie Fraser shall begin this and the nixt moneth and keip courts and each of the rest off the Baillies monethlie per vices therafter and if it happen any extraordinar effair to occur at any time that the Baillie than sittand and exerceing the office sall caus advertise his colleagues that they may give ther advyce and assistance therin. IV 258.

7 SEPTEMBER 1691.

The said day the Baillies with consent of the Thesourer and Councell of the sd. Brugh and also with consent of Maister John Johnstone present clerk of the said toune Be thir pnts. hes nominated and authorized William Orem nottar publict thair to be conjunct Clerk with the said Maister Johne dureing all the dayes of his lyftyme and after his deceise (if it shall happen the sd. William to survive him) to be sole clerk of the said citie and for them and ther successors magistrates Thesaurer and Councell above mentionat have admitted and heirby admitt him therto dureing all the dayes off his lyftyme Reservand alwayes to the said Maister John Johnstone for all the dayes monethes yeirs and termes of his lyff the haill sallarie benefites casualities and emoluments any appertaining or that is knowen to belong to the said office any maner of way q^r^unto he is heirby declaired to have good and undoubted right and title and after his deceise fall accres and belong to the sd. William Orem dureing his lyftyme. . . . IV 259.

1 OCTOBER 1691.

The said day it is enacted be the Baillies (anent Thomas Rhind his extra ordinar drinking with the souldiours and others and therby drinking himself drunk and in his drunken fits troubleing his oune hous and stricking and abuseing his oune wyff and familie, and others his neightbours within the toune and that he will by no means refraine therfrae) hes enacted that no Brewer within the toune sell the sd. Thomas Rhind aither aill Bear Brandie or aquavite after they sall be advertised for that effect by the officiars with certificatione to the sellers that is whosoever sall sell him any drink of the qualitie foirsd. after advertisement as said is sall pay four pund scots toties quoties for ilk contraventione and ordores the tounes officiars ilk on of them to goe throw ther oune quarter and advertise the brewers that none of them pretend ignorance of the premisses. IV 261.

8 October 1691.

The said day it is ordored and appoynted be the Baillies unanimouslie that no persone shall be permitted tuo duell nor reseide within the toune in tyme cumeing unles they enter themselfes friemen in the toune within thrie monethes space after ther entrie under the faillie of Tuantie punds scots money to be payit aither be themselfes or by those persones who sets them the houses to the Thesaurer for the vse of the toune and that by and attour the admitting of themselfes. IV 263.

3 December 1691.

The said day it is ordaint that no person w^t^in the toune shall sell aill or any other liquor to students efter eight a clock at night vnder the failie of four pund toties quoties Otherwayes to acquaint ane of the Bailies therwith if the students remove not at that tym. IV 267.

11 June 1692.

The said day the Bailies and Council of the sd. burgh taking to ther consideratione that the belmans place in this toune wes vacant be deceiss of wmq^ll^ Wm. Gald and being informed that the hand bell does properlie belong to the toune of Old Abd. and that they have been in vse and custome from tyme to tym past memorie of man to admitt any persone they thought fitt to officiat in that station and being desyrous to know the certantie therof that the liberties of the citie might not be infringit nor impairit and that they might proceed in the sd. matter as formerlie the sds. bailies requyrit the opinion of the Council and all present theranent and particularlie some old vnderstainding men in the toune, viz. Mr. Patrick Gordone Humanist John Leask elder weaver and John and Wm. Beverlayes They all declared that the sd. hand bell to ther certain knowledge did allenerlie pertein to the sd. citie being gifted therto be wmq^ll^ John Ross Sacrist and that they never knew any other person or societie pretend any right or title therto or to admitt any person to officiat and goe w^t^ the sd. hand bell except alenerly wmq^ll^ Bishop Scougall who as Superior and Patron of the sd. citie installed the sd. Wm. Gald in the forsd. office In respect qrof the Bailies forsds. w^t^ consent of the Council fand pronunciat and decernit the sd. hand bell to appertain and belong to the toun in all tym coming as in tymes bypast and that they and ther successors in ther reaive

offices have the onlie good and vndoubted right to admitt any persone they think fitt to be belman in the sd. citie and to enjoy the casualities belonging therto in all tym coming they paying such ane yeirlie salarie therfor as the magistrates and council of the sd. citie sall think fit to impose and ordains the same to be recorded in the tounes court books in futuram rei memoriam. IV 309.

14 SEPTEMBER 1692.

The said day the former magistrats w^{t} consent of the Council and Cōmunitie of the sd. citie haveing ordained ane taxation of four hundreth merks to be imposed upon the inhabitants of the sd. burgh for reparation of the musick schooll and Council houss of the sd. citie and for other caussis spe^{d} in ane act made theranent 14 March 1691 years and in ane ratification therof dated the sevent day of Jan^{ry} last bypast and in prosecution of the sd. designe John Fergusone conveener having in name of the trades offered ane hundreth merks of the sd. taxation as being all they could spare at once till tyme suld discover what might be further needful Therfor the sds. present Bailies w^{t} consent of he forsd. Council ordaines the sd. conveener in name forsd. with all possible speed be advice of George Laing Economus and on or two of the trades to buy sufficient trees and other materialls for reparation of the sd. school and council hous for preventing the ruine therof till the sd. sum of ane hundreth merks be fullie expendit and debursit for that effect qch the conveener promised to doe. IV 314.

19 NOVEMBER 1692.

The said day the Baillies by vertue of ane supplicatione given in to them be the hamerman trade anent the electione of ther deacan Allexander Christall ther pnt. deacan not being in the toune bot workeing this longtyme bygane in the countrie and for a power to the said trade to chuise tymouslie to the effect the trade may not be lyable to any fyne the magistrates might impose upon them by reasone of ther not tymous electione of ther deacan Quhilk supplicatione being read and considdered (and the trade declaireing that they hade advertised the sd. Allex^{r} Christall long agoe to come to the toune to the effect ther deacan might be tymouslie chosen and the trade incur no fyne) doe heirby order the said trade preceislie to chuise ther deacan this day

eight dayes being Saturuday nixt to come, and on of the baillies themselfes to sit with the trade to sie the electione ordorlie proceided in As lykwise that the flescher trade should chuise ther deacan upon Saturuday nixt under the hazard of what fyne the magistrates sould enjoyne them to pay. IV 318.

The said day the Baillies foirsaids in respect of the deceise of William Orem, with the speciall consent of the Thesaurer and Councel as also with consent of Mr. John Johnstone present clerk of the sd. toune Be thir pnts. have nominated and authorized George Adam nottar publict advocat in Abd. to be conjunct clerk with the said Maister John Johnstone dureing all the dayes of his lyftyme and after his deceise (if it shall happen the sd. George Adam to survive him) to be sole clerk of the said citie . . . IV 319.

10 December 1692.

The said day the Baillies in respect the deacan conveiner of the trades was not chosen as yet and the tyme of the electione being now long agoe elapsed heirby ordores John Fergusone present deacan conveiner to caus chairge ane deacan conveiner court against Saturuday nixt the seventeine day of this instant and then chuise ther deacan conveiner under the faillie of Ten punds scots money And the sd. John Fergusone being personallie present faythfullie promeised to doe the same. IV 320.

24 December 1692.

The sd. day the Baillies fynes the haill deacans of the trades (except the deacan of the hamerman trade who was present) ilk ane of them in ane wulaw of scots in respect of ther not compearance to chuise ther deacan conveiner whois electione was preceislie ordored to have beine this day and declaires John Fergusone wncapable to exerce the office off conveiner any farder in respect of his obstinacie and contumacie against the ordor of the magistrates and ordores James Watt and Andrew Gray deacan of the hamerman trade to exerce the sd. office till farder ordor. IV 321.

4 March 1693.

The sd. day forsaemeikill as ther was many of the fir trees brocken doune cutted and taken away aff of the firhill the tyme of this present storme and after search maid by the tounes officiars for the same by

ordor of the magistrates some peices of the samen being found with Robert Lillie tailzeor in the colledge bounds and in his hous the baillies decerns the said Robert in the fyne contained in the acts of parliament maid anent the cutting and stealing of greene wode. IV 326.

19 May 1694.

The said day it was enacted and ordained by the baylie with consent of the counsell that the wholl inhabitants within the toune shall be bound and obleidged not only for themselves but for ther wyves servants and childring that the Sabath day shall noewayes in tyme comeing be profained by scolding drinking rageing and playeing publicklie on the streets or elsewher But on the contrair that they shall christanlie keep within ther famillies and noewayes to abuse the Sabeth or suffer the samine to be profained by any under ther charge and that under the paine of twentie punds scots money toties quoties to be peyed to the thes^r for the behooff of the toune and poor in teror to others to comitt such trespases and all parents to be lyable for ther childring wyves servants and others within there reaive famillies. IV 343.

29 July 1694.

The said day the Baylies gave publick advertisement to the haill inhabitants to the end they should make no trouble or abuse in the church to disturb the publick worship least the toune should be troubled or com to danger therefor And for that end seeing they had takine ane list of some persons who gave the former trouble whose names wes read publicklie in Court and advyce given be the bayllies to ther nighbouris that they might disweid them from doeing soe any more upon ther heighest perroll. IV 350.

30 March 1695.

The said day the baillies with consent of the Counsell enactes statutes and ordaines that no persone nor persones within the toune nor fredome thairoff presume nor tack upon hand in any tyme after the day and dait of thir pnts. to shear, pluck up, tack away or resett any Bent furth of linx and Bentie hillocks and that under the paine of Ten punds scots to be payit be the contraveiners of this act toties quoties for ilk breach therof and to be immediatlie poyndit for the same. IV 364.

10 April 1695.

The said day anent the complaint given in be Patrick Knight cordiner in Old Abd. against Gilbert Andersone kirk officiar and James Wilsone in Old Abd. for wncovering and dismantelling of the grave of the deceissed Arthur Knight his sone in the kirkyard of Old Machar contrair to the rules of Christianitie and the samen being confessed judiciallie be the sds. Gilbert Andersone and James Wilsone and the Baillie and Counsell haveing taken the abuse to consideratione did fyne the sd. Gilbert Andersone Ten punds scots money and the sd. James Wilsone in Ten merks money foirsd. by vertue of ther sds. confessions to be payit to the thesaurer for the vse of the toune and they both to be put in firmance and continue therin ay and whill they pay ther fynes or find sufficient cautione for pay[t] of the same. IV 366.

2 November 1695.

The said day anent the complaint given in be Mr. William Cuming maister of the musick schoole anent the keiping and teacheing of private schooles within the toune to the prejudice of the musick and hie schooll and the maister and teacher therof The Baillie and counsell haveing considdered the sd. complaint and reasones therof and the bad consequence that might follow by tollerating such privat schooles to be keiped within the toune did with the wnanimous consent and approbatione of the haill counsellors dischairge all privat schooles within the toune after the day and dait heirof except allenarlie such as wherein children ar taught to sew or wyve and that such persones as shall be licentiat to keip privat schooles by the magistrates for groundeing of the young ones shall teach ther schollars no farther than the catechising and the proverbs and that such persones as shall be so licentiat shall give ther bonds to proceid no further than is above restricted and that they shall keip no such schooles after the dait heiroff till they subscryve bonds to the effect foirsaid and find sufficient cautione in these saids bonds sub[c] be ther cautioners and that wnder the failzie of threttie punds scots money. IV 367.

29 April 1696.

The said day the baillie haveing mett in the Counsell hous with the Thesaurer and some others people of the toune, and the haill inhabitants and the whole inhabitants at leist the most pairt of them

being advertised to meit this day in the counselhous betuixt nyn and tene houres in the foirnoone anent the intimatione of ane collectione to be wplifted from the citizens To wit the merchants trades and fermorers from each of them Ten punds scots and that for the defrayeing the chairges and expensis of the Cōmissioners who were sent south for the minister who is chosen to be minister off Old Abd. and church of Old Machar And q^ras verie few of the inhabitants did compeir The baillie with consent of the Thes^r and the inhabitants who were present at the tyme did ordor and decerne the merchants trades and fermorers to pay proportionallie amongst them for ther pairtes of the sds. cōmissioners ther chairges and expensis the soume of Threttie punds, viz the merchants to pay Ten punds, the Trades ten punds and the fermorers ten punds and both merchants trades and fermorers to stent ther severall reuive. proportiones amongst themselves as they sall think fitt And nominats and appoynts George Cruikschank Tres^r and Mr. William Cūming to receave from those above concerned the foirsd. Threttie pund and mack compt. of the same to the magistrates. IV 370.

6 March 1697.

The said day anent a complaint given in to the baillie be James Turreff taksman of the customes of Old Abd. against ydle perturbulent persones, Boyes and girls who frequentlie and ordinarlie doe come in to the meall hous when the countrie people ar selling ther meall and measureing and weighteing the same and macks great trouble and perturbatione therin and both violentlie and thifteouslie tacks away the sellers ther meall and will by no rebuikes refraine from doeing the same to the great damnage of the meall mercat and discouragement of the countrie people to bring in ther victuall to the mercat Quhich complaint and abuse being be the baillies taken to serious consideratione and the prejudice that hes and may follow therupon in tymes afterward and therfor for preventing of such abuses for the future Doe heirby enact statute and ordaine that in caice any such ydle turbulent persones aither boyes or girles shall in any tyme comeing come into the sd. meall hous and meall mercat and mack any sort of truble therein aither to the sellers or buyers of meall or any other cōmodite That the sds. young persones such of them as hes parents that ther parents sall be

lyable in payment of fourtie shilling scots toties quoties for ther childring's fyne . . . IV 373.

2 October 1697.

The said day in ane court it wes inacted that no person heirefter shall be chosen decon nor master of any of the traids in this toun That ar resting any money to the publict or privat boxes, untill first they pay in all bygain to the boxes, and that no person be deacon or master who hes imbagled the publict moe. of the traids or of any particular calling (if it can be maid appear and if any incorporation shall doe in the contrair) they shall be fyned in feftie punds scots moe. and the deacon conveiner and each deacon shall be lyable for each master bearing office in ther calling, and that no person have vott in ther courts but till he first pay in his quarter compts and ordaynes everie traid to have ane extract heiroff and ordaynes this act to be insert in the conveener book. V 8.

9 October 1697.

The said day it is condescendit and ordayned that in all tyme heirefter ther shall be ane Counsell day keeped in the counsell house vpon the first Saturuday of everie moneth and for that end The haill Counsellors ar to be present the saidis dayes for advysing of the tounes affaires either in dependance or occurrent and that at nyn a clock in the morning shall be the hour of meitting and non to be absent without ane laull. and relivant excuse vnder the faillie of sex shilling scots for ilk dayes absence. V 12.

13 November 1697.

The said day the baillie ordayned James Thomson laitt baillie, James Fiddes and George Laing thesaurer to goe through the toun and call for the poor of the toun ther tokens and to take inspection what louse and ydle persons or strangers ar within the toun, betwixt the bridge of done and Spittell and to sie what they ar and how they live and to report the nixt court day. V 13.

2 April 1698.

The said day anent William Walker his petition to be reponed to his place as tounes drumer The Counsell reponed him to his place as

touns drumer he being alwyse dilligent in his office and is to goe exactlie through the toun but sumer and winter everie work day in the morning at fyve a clock and nyn houres at night for whois fidelitie and performance of his sd. deutie Alex^r Malysson merchand and James Watt capper ar becom cautioners for the sd. William Walker and that he shall pay fourtie shilling scots moe. for ilk tymes neglect of his office as aforsaid nota this caut^ie is onlie pro forma to hold him to his dewtie everie day. V 16.

21 May 1698.

The said day ther being ane quorum of the counsell present Anent the agrement with Alex^r Taitt for putting away extranean beggars out of this toun they vnanimouslie allow to the sd. Alex^r Taitt ten punds scots mone. yeirlie to be payed to him monethlie which is sextein shilling eight pennyes scots each moneth comenceing from this day and ordayned the thesaurer to pay him in maner forsaid, and whenever he neglects his dewtie to gett no more moe. V 18.

4 June 1698.

The said day anent the divyding the toun in thrie quarters and choysing constables The toune by the bailleis and Counsell is divyded thus from Robert Forbes wynd and George Cumings wynd to Wm. Baxters wynd and Dowglas wynd on both sydes of the streett is the first quarter From both the sds. wynds Douglas and baillie Baxters wynd on both syds of the streett to the Spittell is the second quarter conteyning also the colledge bounds, and from Robert Lowes wynd and George Cumings Vynd northward on both syds of the streett to the bridge of done so farr as the tounes priviledges goes to be called the thrid quarter of the toun.

For the said north quarter Mr. John Robertsone wes choson constable. Mr. William Smith choson constable for the south quarter. Mr. Andro Aberdein constable chosen for the middle quarter of the toun.

Their injunctions ar first to considder of all the misdemaners within their reuive. precincts and in absence of the magistrats to imprison and to call any of the inhabitants for their asistance if neidfull, and dissobedience to any of them to be esteemed as great as to the magistrats themselves.

Item to take notice that no stranger families nor servants be receaved without sufficient testificats and this to be intimat by touk of drum.

Item it is ordayned that each sabbath day efter Lecture in the fornoon and in tym of the efternoons seruice ane of the Counsell goe through the toun with one of the elders and ane officer, and everie on of the Counsell to goe per vices that no abuse be done vpon the sabbath day. V 20.

1 NOVEMBER 1698.

The said day anent Mr Wm. Crysties representation concerning the comon schooll of this toun desyring ane ratification to him of that act maid in favors of Mr Wm. Cuming his predecessor vpon the second day of No^r 1695 dischargeing all privat schoolls within the toun ether by men or women for teaching vocall or instrumentall mussick or wreitting within the toun in prejudice of the sd. Mr Wm. Crystie doe confirm and ratifie the former act in the haill poynts and articles therof with certification to any that does in the contrar they shall be lyable to all censure and fyn that shall be imposed on them be the magistrats with consent of the sd. Mr Wm. Crystie. V 26.

30 AUGUST 1699.

The sd. day Patrick Falconer ane young boy being conveined befor the baillie for his continued acts of thift within the toun comitted by him and partic^l in Monymusks hous and being convict therof wes ordained to be taken and tyed to a stake and his lugg nailled to the samen and to be brunt vpon the cheek and banished furth of the Toun. V 34.

14 SEPTEMBER 1699.

The said day anent the complaint by some of the inhabitants against Alex^r Anderson weaver and Margaret Smairt his spouse for haveing of a bigg iron girdle and hyring the samen to all persons for drying of bear And seeing ther ar great quantities of bear nightlie stollen and rubbed from the fermorers in and about the toun therfor the baillie ordaines that the sd. Alex^r Anderson nor his spouse shall heir-after hyre nor lend the sd. girdle to any person who hes not bear or oats of ther oune growth with out the speciall consent of ane of the baillies or Thes^r for that effect vnder the fayllie of fourtie shilling scots. V 35.

21 October 1699.

The said day it wes inactit and ordained by the baillies and councell that the present Conveiner and manadgers of the mortcloath money shall be obleidged to produce ther accompts the nixt Court day to the effect inspectione may be taken of the samen by the magistrats and Councell. V 38.

6 July 1700.

The said day The Baillies and Counsell ordaines Mr William Chrystie maister of the musick schooll to have his schollars redealie prepared to give a specimen of ther knowledge and proficience in ther musick and art therof upon the last Thursday of Julie instant at four a clock in the afternoone that ilk day at which tyme the said schooll is to be visited by the baillies and Counsell minister principall and remanent professors and members of the Kings Colledge and vthers. V 50.

7 September 1700.

The said day anent the incroachments vpon the tounes moss The counsell ordaynes the thesu^r imediatlie to cause rayse law burrowes and to lay on charges vpon all the guiltie or suspected persons and to caus charge the haill sellers of peitts befor the court castin in the moss with all suspected persons and who burns peits out of the toun and in the mean tym arrests Alex^r Andersons peitts in the moss till the bussines be discussed but permitts the said Alex^r to take away instantlie als many peitt as he can carrie on his cart to the nixt court day the 21 inst. and to arest the rest of the peitts in the mean tyme. V 55.

10 December 1700.

The said day the Counsell appoynts the thesaurer to cause make ane ordiner seall for the tounes vse with the tounes armes and to have it readie againest the nixt counsell day and the armes of the toun to be considered also at the forsd. meitting appoynted. V 63.

4 January 1701.

Anent the tounes comon seall the thes^r produced the same maid and the counsell wer pleased ther with. V 64.

The sd. day anent the tounes seall the meeting approved therof

w^t this motto Concordia res parve with the pigg and Lillie and three Salmond and Insignia Civitatis Veteris Aberdonis. V 67.

3 May 1701.

The said day the Counsell haveing taken to their serious consideration the many abusses comittit and done in this toun and freidom theroff at publict sessions and mariadges To prevent all which in the future, The Magistrats and Counsell of this toun heirby discharges all publict sessions and marriadges in the future, or publict contracts and penny brydells And that in tyme coming ther shall be no more persons at marriadges and sessions except onlie four persons vpon each syd, and the contraveiners heiroff to pay ten punds scots money to the thes^r for the tounes vse toties quoties, and also those persons who shall furnish houses for that end to any person in tyme cuming shall pay the lyk soume to the thes^r and ordaynes this act to be instantlie proclaimed by tock of drum through the toun that none pretend ignorance, And ordaynes also that if any person shall give money publictlie or privatlie at such mariadges or sessions they shall be als lyable in the forsd. fyne as the receavers of such moneys. V 75.

5 July 1701.

The said day anent casting the Comon moss and hill by strangers The bailleis and Counsell did appoynt Baillie Fraser baillie Baxter and baillie Ro^tson Duncan Cassie, James Mill, George Aberdein, Conveinar Duguitt, Alex^r Tellie, Wm. Smith elder William Hart, Alex^r Molysson and the thesu^r to goe on Wednesday the nynth instant about seven a clock in the morning and to meett at the thesu^res house and visit the said mosse and hill and sie the incrotchments maid on the same and to report ther dilligence to the nixt Counsell day And also anent ane greivance given in by the Customer anent the weeklie mercat The Customer and officers of Aberdein cuming over everie mercat day and hindering the mercat, The persones above named ar to visit the rights and papers anent the same the nynt day of this instant efter ther return from the moss. V 78.

12 July 1701.

The said day the baillies and Counsell ordaynes and appoynts Baillie Fraser, Baillie Baxter, Baillie Knight, and Baillie Robertson,

George Laing, James Fiddes, Alex^{r} Telly, Alex^{r} Molyeson the conveener or any other persons they please to call to meitt at the thesu^{rs} house on thursday nixt in the efternoon anent the regulating the moss for the future.

The Baillies and Counsell anent the complent given in by the thesu^{r} against Robert Drum for his monoplising the Comon moss and hill and casting and selling peitts not onlie to the inhabitants but also to strangers liveing without the toune Did and heirby discharge him for the future from casting any peittis in the said moss or hill vnles he be imployed by any who hes vndoubted right therto and liveing within this citie, and to be simply to ther vse allanerly. And as for his selling and monopolizing of the said moss in tymes past The baillies and Counsell being fullie convinced of the truth theroff by ane quorum of the Counsell appoynted for visiting the said moss fynes the said Robert Drum in the sum of four pounds scots and to be imprisoned vntill he pays the same and ordaynes the thesu^{r} to take the number of loads of peitts for the tounes vse. V 79.

4 August 1701.

The said day compeired William Shirres glover in Old Abd. and Mary Smith servitrix to Wm. Aberdein in Seaton, who being ceited and arraigned be the kirk session of Old Machar vpon Sonday last the thrid instant for ther scandalous converse togither in the night tym above twelve a clock vpon Monday the 7th of July last for which they wer convict by the depos^{o}n of concurring witnesses as is recorded in the session books and farder being also of drinking to exces efter the tym of night proscryved by Law wer remitted by the kirk session to the magistrats of Old Abd. and to [be] fyned and punished conform to Law In respect wheroff the baillie amerciats the sd. William Shirres in ane vnlaw of fourtie shilling scots instantly to be payed to the thes^{r} and also to find sovertie for his appearance befor the kirk session vpon Sonday nixt and to satisfie the church discipline as shall be injoyned be the session and to be put in prison vntill the premissis be performed As for the said Mary Smith The baillie finding by the depositions of the witnessis to which the sd. baillie wes present that the said Marie wes not onlie drunk to exces which in women is most scandilous but also that she came to the said William his bedchamber when he wes in

bed and the door shutt Therfor the baillie forsd. amerciats the said Mary Smith in four punds scots moe. to be instantlie payed to the thes^r but also to find sovertie that she shall fulfill the kirk censure vpon sonday nixt as the session shall injoyn and to be putt in prison vntill the premissis be performed. V 84.

4 October 1701.

The said day anent the tyme of the election and choysing of the baillies and Counsell of this citie in all tym cuming it is appoynted that the eleetione shall be yeirlie heirefter vpon the second saterday of October yeirlie preceislie but alteration and in ordor thervnto ordaynes this ensewing election of magistrats and Counsell to be vpon the second saterday of October nixt to come preceislie. V 86.

18 October 1701.

The said day anent the hand bell This day Mr William Crystie and James Thomson being requyred conform to the last Counsell act to produce any document the church had to the propertie of the hand bell Mr Crystie replyed he had been looking and pervsing the kirk register so farr but hes not pervsed all the registers The prosecution q^r off the Counsell remitted to the nixt Counsell day In the mean tyme the Counsell appoints the toun clerk to give Mr Wm. Crystie ane extract of the act regra^t in the toun books in anno 1692 anent the said bell and to show the same to the session and to report. V 88.

31 January 1702.

The said day anent the overture proponed by the baillies to the Counsell and Comunity of this Citie anent the building and erecting of ane prison house with ane bell and a clock vpon the Counsell hous which is thought to be ane matter of generall concern and very requisit and necessar And to repair the roofs of the Counsell house This overture not being rejected by the Counsell and Comunity The first step to be done at this tyme wes to nominat persons to advyse with workmen for contryveing the maner and what money might compleit the desyn In ordor to uhich the Court nominats Baillie Fraser Baillie Baxter, Baillie Knight and Baillie Robertson with Baillie Thomson, Alex^r

Molysson George Laing George Aberdein James Duguitt John Lovie taillor George Robertson vyver Mr Jolly James Thomsone and Kenneth Fraser measson who ar ordayned to meitt togidder at the thesaurers house wpon wednesday the fourth day of Febry. nixt at on a clock in the efternoon and to comvn fullie ther anent and to report. V 92.

14 February 1702.

The said day anent the hand bell efter so long tym given to the session to produce any document to prove ther interest to the said bell and Mr Wm. Crystie being called, Told that he haid searched the register of the session and could find no title in ther favors In respect wheroff the Counsell ratifies and confirms all former acts maid ther-anent and that the said bell properlie belongs to the toun and ordaynes James Touch to pay four pund scots to the tounes thes^r of dewtie from witsonday last to witsonday nixt 1702 yeirs as the dewtie of the said bell. V 92.

4 April 1702.

The said day anent the hand bell the baillies and Counsell of Old Aberdeen renunces ther right and all pretensions to the said bell vpon severall considerations And be thir pnts. rescinds all former acts maid ther anent preceiding the daitt of thir presents. V 96.

2 May 1702.

The forsaid day in presens of the bailleis and Counsell anent the punctuall conveining of the haill members of Counsell at ten hours in the fornoon preceislie vpon the first Saterday of everie month for all tyme cuming It is preceislie inacted by the bailleis and Counsell vnanimouslie that notwithstanding of the former act of Counsell maid anent six shilling eight pennies for ilk person of the Counsell ther absence from the Counsell, yit now in all tyme coming it is ordayned that everie member of the Counsell who shall happen to be absent from the Counsell at ten a clock in the fornoon as said is they being in health, on the place and laull. warned, that for everie dayes absence he shall pay fourtein shilling sex pennyes toties quoties To be payed to the thes^rs box for the vse of the poor to be destribute at the bailleis ther discretion. V 98.

3 April 1703.

The said day anent the hyring of horss in this toun and paying postadge to the postmaster in Aberdein the same is to be considered the nixt Counsell day and if ther may be ane postmaster setled in this toun this is to be advysed. V 115.

3 July 1703.

The said day anent the tolbuith bell the Counsell ordaynes and apoynts the same to be rung each day at scx houres in the morning and eight hours at night befor the drum begin and in the morning efter the drum, and Wm. Walker drumer is to doe the same and vpon each sabbath day to ring the sd. bell when the last bell begins fornoon and efternoon and to end with the last bell each tyme, and also the said [Wm. Walker] to ring the said tolbuith bell vpon the first saterday of every moneth to the Counsell, and to ring from ten hours fornoon to halff eleven a clock but everie morning and evening of the week to ring onlie for the space of a quarter of ane hour and to begin to morrow the fourth inst. being the sabbath day. V 118.

3 April 1703.

The said day anent the moss of pervinneis the counsell recomends to the bailleis to call four of the old men in the town and meitt with Hilton at his comeing home to sie and consider his chartor, and to rectifie the marches of the moss.

The said day anent casting clods in the comon moss at any pairt theroff The Counsell altogither prohibits the same in all tyme heirefter and heirby discharges all persons whatsomever to cast clods in the said moss at any pairt theroff vnder the payn of Ten pounds toties quoties, and for the clods which ar presentlie casten in the said moss The baillies and counsell fynes everie person that hes casten clods in the said moss in fourtie shillings scotts moe. And this to be promulgat through the toune with took of drum vpon Monday nixt the 5th inst. and as for strangers that casts clods theirin referrs the same to the meeting with the Laird of Hilton. V 118.

1 JANUARY 1704.

The said day anent the expensis and compts debursed anent the building the Tolbuith and repairing the Counsell house, and proces of law anent baillie Robertson and seing ther is ane representation given in by the toun and traids at least many of them that they might sie and inspect the compts and be satisfied ther anent Therfor to the Counsell for stoping all mens mouthes and to satisfie them doe nominat the persons vnderwritten to meet and inspect the saids accounts in the Counsell house vpon the eight day of this instant in the efternoon tyme efter two hours efternoon, viz. John Grigg Robert Clerk and James Smith for the merchands, James Duguitt, George Robertson vyver, Jon Simson taillor, George Adam cordoner, William Hervie flesher, William and George Laing or any other person who desyre to sie and visit the saids accompts who shall also be receaved at the sd. tyme Togidder with one or two of the bailleis ther to attend the dyot and efter the inspection of the saids account The said persons ar to report to the heid court of Old Abirdein, which is appoynted to be preceislie vpon Monday the tenth of this instant and the drum to goe therfor vpon Saterday befor, with certification to any of the saids persons who keeps not the said meetting That they shall not be heard to grumbell heirefter anent the saids accompts and the thesaurer to convein the saids persons to keep the meitting. V 128.

5 JANUARY 1704.

The said day the bailleis haveing desyred the deacons and maisters of Traids of Old Abd. and masters of families theroff to repair to the Counsell house, and ther the Counsell signified to them what haid past anent ane call by the session to Mr. David Corse to be colligg minister with Mr Thomas Thomson of Cocklae It wes vnanimouslie agried that the magistrats suld signe in name of the toune ane procuratrie to Adam Gordon of Inverebrie in conjunction with the masters of the Colledge and heritors of the parisch to protest aganest the call of the sd. Mr Corse for the reasons and causis conteyned in the said protestation And also that the saids magistrats of Old Abd. might goe to the church and signifie the same to the presbitrie therin conveyned for moderating the said call. V 129.

12 February 1704.

The which day anent bill of complent given in by Mr Alex^r Gordon professor of humanitie, Mr George Gordon professor of the orientall Languadges in the Kings Colledge and George Adam toun clerk of Old Abd. aganest Alex^r and George Cristalls wrights in Old Abd. and wright ther and ther imployers anent the removeing of ane dask or pew in the church of Old Machar befor baillie Knight's, presentlie possest by the sd. George and disponed to him by the sd. Mr Alex^r Gordon, out of its place contrar to equitie and justice at ther awen hands as the complaint [bears]. V 133.

13 May 1704.

The which day anent Alexander Hendrie his paynes for ringing the tolbooth bell The Counsell be thir presents ordaynes and appoynts that he gett from each familie within this toun and freedom sex pennies scots moe. quarterlie, to be collected and wplifted by the said Alex^r Hendrie, and to begin presentlie and exact it for the current quarter which did begin the first day of Aprill last by past and ordaynes ilk familie to pay the same to him as above. V 136.

15 March 1705.

The which day anent the overture proponed concerning the inhabitants of this toune to have armes for keeping the toune in ane posture of defens conform to the act of parliament The bailleis and Counsell ordaynes and appoynts that all the inhabitants of this toun provyd and furnish themselves in armes such as guns and fyre-locks, and such as ar not able to provyd guns that they may have halberts or dens axes and that betwixt and the day of nixt to come and this to be intimat by took of drum to morrow the sextein instant, and ordayns all the inhabitants betwixt sextie and sextein yeires of age to furnish the same. V 145.

The said day it is statute and ordayned that no aill house nor change keeper within this toun or liberties theroff recept or harbor any prenteis or servant within the toun or sell them drink vpon the week dayes efter nyn hours at night and on the sabbeth day efter sex a clock

at night vnder the payne of fourtie shilling scots toties quoties by the sellers and imprisonment of the prentissis and servants men or women. V 145.

5 March 1705.

The said day compeired Jon Slidders mer^t in this Citie and represented to the bailleis and Counsell That notwithstanding of ane act of banishment past by the Magistrats of this Citie aganest William Montgomry measson for the causis mentioned in the said act of the daitt the twentie sext day of December Mvj^e nyntie eight yeires Yit the sd. Wm. Montgomrie haid contrair to the said act of banishment had returned to this citie and haid thretned him and his familie mischeiff Wpon which he haveing meaned himselff to the Magistrats they caused incarcerat the said William Montgomrie in the tolbooth of this citie wher he now remayns prisoner, and the said Jon Slidders haveing compeired as above, and consented to the said William Montgomrie his liberation, vpon his inacting himselff of new againe and signing ane voluntar act of banishment in the terms vnderwritten, Lykas compeired the said William Montgomrie and inacted himself as followes, I William Montgomrie, sometyme measson in Old Aberdein Doeth in obedience to the former act of banishment above narrated and for severall vther weightie considerationes inact and oblidge myselff imediatlie after my subseryving thir pnts. to depairt out of the Citie of Old Abd. and haill priviledges theroff never to return to the same week day nor holy day vpon any pretext whatsomever vnder the penaltie and payn of being brunt in the cheeck and whipt out of this Citie by the hand of ane comon hangman in the vsuall maner And also I oblidge me never to molest or trouble the said Jon Slidders or his wyff or familie in ther persons or goods or by any opprobrious or base languadge in tyme coming vnder the payn forsaid. V 148.

22 September 1705.

The said day in the baillie court of the said Citie holden within the Tolbooth of the said Citie David Rickart of Arnadge wes served as heir in general to the deceist William Rickart burges of Abirdein his vncle and ane inquest of good gentlemen being ther present conform to the breeff and pettion given in ther anent Mr Archibald Forbes of Putachie being chancellor. V 151.

26 NOVEMBER 1705.

The said day it being represented by Baillie Baxter anent ane protestation given in be John Crukshank and George Adam cordoner vpon the last Counsell day the nyntenit instant wherin the Conveiner and Adam protested that in respect baillie Fraser wes not then present they could not proceid and so most illegally declyned their authoritie and the Counsells and farder they alleadged that baillie Troup wes fomenter of all the differences among the Traids And that baillie Baxter wes not doing good things, All which the Counsell haveing taken to their consideration it wes aggried nomine contradicente that both the above named persons John Crukshank and George Adam ar suspended instantlie from sitting or voting in Counsell and delayed ther farther sentence to the nixt Counsell day.[1] V 157.

23 SEPTEMBER 1706.

The said day anent ane representation made to the Counsell how vseful it wold be to the toun to have the convenience for ane flesh mercat in this toun The Counsell recomends to the Magistrats to imploy workmen to effectuat the forsaid designe and to buy timber and vther materialls for building theroff and to set about the same with all convenience and to report ther dilligence to the nixt Counsell. V 171.

2 JUNE 1707.

The said day it being represented by Alex^r Molysson from the kirk session that ther were great abusses comitted in and about the toun vpon the Sabbath day in tym of divyn service and at other tymes and therfor craved that the magistrats and Counsell might give ther concurrance to the kirk session for preventing of the saids abusses Which representation being considered by the Baillies and Counsell, They renew all former acts maid anent the breatch of Sabbath and ordaynes the same to be put to full execution and for discovering transgressors ordaynes ane list to be made of such ane number of the inhabitants as anyone of the magistrats and ane member of the kirk session shall apoynt with one of the Tounes officers to goe through the Toun on the

[1] Conveener Cruickshank apologised and was re-admitted while Adam was declared "vncapabell to be ane member of this Counsell or to bear any publict office, as decon, master or vtherwyse".

Sabbath day, Bridge of Don, Spittell and Seatton and ther to take notice of all ydle persons and vthers who doe not dewlie attend divyn service and worship vpon the Sabbath day and also to tak exact accompt of all ydle persons vaiging on the streit or otherwyse on the Sabbath day And to report the same to the magistrats and kirk session that the transgressors may be dewlie punished and ordaynes the persons to be named for going throw the toun to attend all the dyots they shall be warned to by the officer vpon the Satterdayes night befor vnder the faillie of fourtie shilling scots toties quoties and ordaynes the saids persons appoynted to goe throw the toun to meitt at the ringing of the last bell fornoon and efternoon sermons. V 185.

29 October 1709.

It is to be mynded that ther hes been no courts nor Counsells in Old Abd. efter the 13 day of October 1707 vntill the 29 day of October 1709 yeires.

The said day in presens of the Bailleis and Consellors efter named, viz. Mr. Alexander Fraser Alex^r Molysson baillies George Aberdein Thomas Cassie William Taillor Alex^r Miln William Watt James Miln William Martin elder James Duguitt Mr. Andro Aberdein Andro Charles Andro Dyce Counsellors of the said Citie and thesaurer and John Grigg The Which day the haill persons above named wpon severall weightie considerations moveing them Doe adhear to the former election of the election of the Baillies Thesaurer and Counsell maid by them vpon the threttein day of October 1707 yeires, and the forsaid Counsell recomends to the Bailleis abovenamed to qualifie themselves according to law And that with their convenience that they may officiat legallie for this ensewing yeir. V 191.

12 November 1709.

The said day the Counsell appoynts the Thesaurer to bestow fyftein shilling scots money of the halfe crown payed in by every entring burgess as the sd. entring burgess shall appoynt and the Thesaurer to be alwayes countable for the other fyftein shilling of the sd. halfe croun and which fyftein shilling moe. forsd. is to be bestowed for pious uses as occasione offers. V 194.

12 AUGUST 1710.

The said day the visitors appointed for the moss and hill did report ther diligence conform to the former act of Counsell and fynds that ther are severall incrotchments made by severall neighbouring tennants, viz. Hiltons and Balgounies especially for preventing of which for the future the Counsell appoints Bailie Fraser Bailie Molysone the thes^r and Mr. Andro Aberdeen to meet with the laird of Dyce and John Gray factor for the lands of Balgounie and to commune with them anent their tennants incrotchments as also appoints the thes^r in meantyme to raise letters of molestatione ag^t all persons who have incrotched and that with all conveniency and to report the nixt counsell day. V 203.

30 SEPTEMBER 1710.

The sd. day anent ane debat that hade fallne out betuixt the trads of Old Abd. and Mr. Alex^r Gordon humanist in the Kings Colledge anent the freedome and priviledges of the city and trads of Old Abd. in his defending and protecting on of his tennants in the Colledge bounds from entring freeman amongst the sds. trads he alledging they hade no power over the Colledge bounds And the trads making the contrary appare by ther Charter from the Colledge members of q^ch the decist Mr. Patrick Gordon his fa^r wes on of the granters and subscrivers to acomodat q^ch debat the Counsell appointed bailie Fraser bailie Molysone the thes^r Wm. Watt and James Duguid to comune w^t the humanist theranent and to report the nixt Counsell day. V 205.

7 OCTOBER 1710.

The sd. day it is reported by the Comity appointed for meeting w^t the humanist that they hade agreed w^t him and processes destroyed huic inde. V 207.

16 OCTOBER 1710.

The sd. day the bailies and Counsell unanimously condescended and agreed ther should be no new electione but adhered all of them to the former electione both as to bailies thes^r and Counsellers for the enshewing year. V 208.

24 October 1710.

The sd. day the Counsell unanimouslie did nominat and elect Mr. William Gordon bailie in Old Abd. to represent them in the election for ane member of the enshewing brittish parliament and that ane commission should be extended to him in ample forme q^r^in they give him full power to vote for Sr Alex^r^ Cuming of Culter. V 209.

The said day the Counsell appoints the thes^r^ to give to the shoomaker trade in Old Abd. seven pound scots in regard they hade spent a great daill of money anent ane debat w^t^ the humanist concerning the priviledges as weill of the toune as ther trade anent the Colledge bounds and the toune ther being united. V 210.

3 February 1711.

The sd. day anent ane grievance given in to the Counsell by the thes^r^ ag^t^ the trads of the sd. city in gra^ll^ as to ther way of receving freemen who does not enter burgeses w^t^ the toune conform to the acts of Counsell made theranent unless they be compelled to the wasting of a great part of the touns comonwealth and many addmitted amongst them so clandistinly that the thes^r^ hes no knowledge theranent To prevent such intollerable practises the bailies and Counsell recomends and ordains the Conveener to call ane Conveener court and advertise the deacons and masters of the sea^ll^ trads of the sd. city that they addmitt nor receave no freeman amongst them w^t^out acquanting the toune thes^r^ and in caice the deacons and masters shall not comply herw^t^ and give obedience to ther conveener in the same the conveener in that caice is to fyne them in the conveener court and if the conveener who ever he bees shall doe in the contrary he shall be lyable to the Counsells censor and the thes^r^ is herby ordained to assist the conveener anent the premissis. V 212.

23 February 1712.

The sd. day anent the casting the tolbooth bell the bailie and Counsell appoints John Grig Andrew Dyce thes^r^ James Duguid and Mr. Andrew Aberdeen to call for Albert Gelly bell founder and comune w^t^ him anent the same and to see what the charges might be and to report. V 225.

1 March 1712.

The sd. day anent the casting the bell it wes reported that conform to the former appointment the persons appointed hade communed wt Mr. Gelly and efter comuning condescended he would cast her for seventy pounds scots and if when casten she shall be weightier he to have twenty shill. scots for every pound weight of mettall he added over and above the first weight and if lighter to be defalked proportionally. V 225.

1 June 1719.

The magistrats considering that ther have been severall abysis by former clerks in giveing burges tickets not agreeable to the acts therof in the townes books to prevent the lyke in tyme comming they appoynt all burges tickets to be wrytin in Latine bearing the liberties and privileges of the Toune competent to the calling and the Incorporations which they have joyned themselves and the sums payed be them therfor according to the reqive. formes. VI 8.

8 June 1719.

Ther being a petitione of the Ministers and Kirk Sessione of this toune subsc and given in be the clerk complaining on the gross enormities of Sabbath breaking and recepting lowse and scandalous persons which being read and the Magistrats and Counsell finding the desyre therof just They appoynted publict intimatione to be made prohibiting and dischargeing the haill inhabitants of this towne and freedom therof from idle and unnecessary walking in companyes or vegeing thorrow the streets and fields on the Sabbath day in all tyme herefter Certifieing such that they will be punished as Sabath breakers As also dischareing the saids inhabitants from recepting within ther houses or families any infamous or banished persons vagrant or sturdie beggars or serveants without sufficient testimoniall from the paroch from whence they came last and that under the severall penaltyes ment in the Acts of Parliament and tounes statutes As also intimatione wes appoynted forbidding the cutting or destroying of ther neighbours grass or entering ther yeards without liberty of the owner under the penalty of four punds scots for ilk transgressione. VI 11.

13 JUNE 1719.

The said day It was unanimously appoynted enacted and ordained that all entring burgesses whatsomever should at ther reꝑive. admissions as Burghers (in signe and tokene of ther efter ready complyance with the Magistrats commands) present and delyver to ane of the Baillies ane whyt purse with fyve shilling scots therin (excepting herefrom such burghars as are or shall be receaved ob favorem) The pryce of the purse not exceiding four shilling scots money. VI 12.

4 JULY 1719.

The said day ther being a renunciatione of the right of ane elder to the freedome of this City in favours of a younger produced Which being considered by the Magistrats and Counsell they for seall good and weightie considerationes refused the same and enacted that in all tyme comming no renunciatione granted be any persone in favours of another of his right to the fredome of this place should be sustained. VI 18.

19 OCTOBER 1719.

The Clerk is appoynted to give out advertisement to the inhabitants to clean the cassies befor the merkat and to discharge them from recepting uncustomed goods sturdie or vagrant beggars Kairds theeves gamesters or other persones who may disturb the merkat under the reꝑive. penalties ment in acts of parliat and tounes statutes. VI 36.

23 JANUARY 1720.

The Theasurer is appoynted to provyde George Moir and Andrew Greig two toune officers in such liveries as shall [be] thought fitt by the Magistrats and to agree with for Drummer and officer and also to mount him at the Magistrats sight.

It haveing been overtured that the Magistrats shall sitt herefter in ane seat [in] the kirk for effectuating wherof till a loft be erected conveniently for ther use the Provest hes given his seat for the use of the Magistrats ay and whyll a loft be erected for that end. VI 44.

19 MARCH 1720.

The which day Compeared Mr. John Ker preses to the Community of Merchants in Old Abd. and George Mackie Conveener of the Trades

of the sd. City for themselves and in name of ther reuive. fraternities in presence of the saids Magistrats and Council and gave in the underwriten articles of agriement past and made betwixt the Community of Merchants of the said City and the reuive. Incorporations of the trades of the same upon the fyfeteenth day of March instant Mvjj^c and twenty years with consent of the Magistrats of the said City desyreing the same might be insert and registrat in the records therof and that the Magistrats forsds. wold interpose ther authority therin that the same may be made effectuall and observed in all tyme comming and that all executione necessar may pass theron conforme therto at the instance of either of the saids pairties against other Which desyre the Magistrats forsds. thought reasonable and ordains the same to be insert and registrat in maner forsaid to the effect above writen of the which the tenor follows—Articles of Agriement betuixt David Forbes of Leslie Alexander Troup late Baillie and James Hay delegats from the Community of Merchants of Old Aberdeen And George Mackie present Deacon Conveener Alexander Sinklair late Conveener John Levie late Deacon of the Taylors Andrew Charles late Deacon of the Weavers Robert Mitchell Tanner in name of the Shoomakers and William Chalmers present Deacon of the Fleshers delegats from the severall Trades of the said City on the ane and other pairt That it shall be optionall for any tradesman to enter either Tradesman simply or Tradesman with the privilege of merchandizeing and malting.

That he who enters Tradesman simply shall pay only Ten Merks of composition as formerly and that he who enters Tradesman with the privilege of merchandizeing and malting shall pay Twenty punds as other merchants doe including Ten merks of allowance to Tradesmens eldest sones.

That such of the Tradesmen who befor the accessione of the present Magistracie to witt befor May last haven burgess ticketts in generall terms without bearing a designatione of some speciall trade shall be construced to be as the privilege of merchants als weill as Tradesmen And that the said privilege shall be extended to ther eldest sones allenerly.

That burgess ticketts granted befor the said moneth of May last Which denominat a burgher meerly sone to such a man tradesman without denominating himselfe of some speciall trade and without the

clause of Jure Paternitatis shall be construed to bear the privilege of Merchandizeing But that such persones sones shall have no privilege by vertue of such burgers ticketts sic subscribitur D. Forbes Al. Troup James Hay George Mackie Al. Sinklair Andrew Charles John Levie Robert Mitchell Wm. Chalmers Jo. Buchan consents J. Ker consents Alex^r Molysone consents John Robertson consents. VI 56.

Ther being severall complaints against many of the inhabitants for washing in Craighalls Closs and throwing in ther foull water in the channell wherby they who wash at the kirk style being the common washing place ar at a great loss For preventing wherof the Magistrats forbid and prohibit all and every one of the inhabitants to wash in the said closs or on the new cassie opposite to the Tounes loch in tyme comming or throwing any filth or nestiness in the said channell under the pain of twenty shilling scots for each transgression and heirby impower the officers to seize the tubs and other utinsills made use of for washing in the same till payment of the said fyne. VI 58.

1 October 1720.

It being represented by the Conveener and Deacon of the Weaver trade that they hade been put to a great advance in a process before the Shereff of Abd. against the weavers of Abd^n. for invadeing the privileges of the Toune and trade and therefor creaved that the Magistratts and Counsell wold appoynt ther Thes^r to allow them such a sume as should be thought fitt to assist them in the forsd. debursement Which being considered the Theas^r was appoynted to allow the sd. Deacon the sume of Eight pounds Scots to be staited in next Theas^rs acompts. VI 78.

22 October 1720.

The Clerk was appoynted to make exact lists of the haill inhabitants of this City and report the same next Counsell day in order to clear the same of all highland and other vagrant beggars and infamous persones wanting sufficient testimonialls. VI 81.

10 December 1720.

The said day Christian Grant indweller in Old Aberdeen being this day convicted of habitually recepting and haunting scandalous persones who were guilty of a great deall of prophaneness and wickedness

and hade committed the same in her house as is [this] day proven by famous witnesses Whereupon she the sd. Christian Grant of her own free accord spontaneously took on herselfe perpetuall banishment furth of this towne and liberties thereof to eveit any furder punishment and judicially enacted herselfe to remove therefrom betuixt and the first day of January next and never to be seen therein or venture thereto at any tyme therefter under the pain of being punished corporally therefor as the Magistrats shall think fitt to inflict. VI 89.

4 February 1721.

The said day the Provest produced a letter from Mr Robert Udny Minister at Logie directed to the Provest Baillies and Counsell of this City dated the 12th day of January last intimating that he hade undertaken to putt up a sufficient bridge on the burne of Tipperty for convenience of travellers and passengers on the Buchan road to and from Aberdeen And for encourageing the said undertakeing creaved that the Magistrats and Counsell wold assist them by contributing for defraying a pairt of the charges of the same which being considered the Magistrats and Counsell appoynted John Knight George Mackie and the Clerk to goe thorrow the inhabitants and gett up what money can be given by them on that occasion and to take ane exact list how much every one pays and report the same next Counsill day. VI 92.

7 April 1721.

The said day two vagrant beggars named Thomas Smith born in Stranrair parioch and James Broun borne in Stonekirk parioch in Countie of Galloway in Scotland haveing a printed testificat dated at Waterfoord 29 Febuary 17$\frac{19}{20}$ not signed or sealled by ane justice of peace or minister neither bearing the printers name only that they say they caused print the same at Waterfoord and that one Joseph Clerk printer ther printed the same Having yesterday committed a disorder in this toune in the house of George Smith farmer being in drink and being proven scandalous in curseing swearing and blaspheming Wherefor they were imprisoned and they being lame and not capable to give any other accompt of themselves therfor they were banished this toune and haill liberties therof which act of banishment they voluntarly accepted upon them. VI 100.

10 FEBRUARY 1722.

The which day William Rainie weaver was admitted common drummer for the toune and received the tounes drum and drumsticks sufficient from the Theasurer who compeared and accepted of the dossie as tounes common drummer in and upon him Wherfor he the sd. William Rainie as prin[ll] and John Ross deacon of the Weaver trade of the sd. city as caut[r] and souertie for and with him bund and enacted them con[ly] and sea[lly] that the sd. William Rainy should duelie and faithfully beat the travellia at fyve aclock each morning and the tapton at eight aclock each night lawfull dayes weather serving and at all other tymes to beat when appoynted by the Magistrats so as ther may be no just ground of complaint against him and that under the failzie of paying twelve pounds Scots for each transgressione to the Theasurer for the tounes use attour the sd. William Rainy his loosing his office and being otherwayes punished at the Magistrats pleasure. VI 122.

22 SEPTEMBER 1722.

Upon a representatione maid by the session clerk in name of the Ministers and Sessione that there hade lately arisen a bad custume among some of the inhabitants who how soon any depauperat person deceist went thorrow the toune and creaved contribution for ther buriall chairges which how soon got was misaplyed and the Sessione nevertheless obliged to bear the chairges for preventing wherof in tyme coming the Clerk was appoynted to cause make publict intimatione to the inhabitants that from hence forth none of them presume to ask any such contributione unless that upon applicatione to the Magistrats or Ministers and the deceists circumstances being by them found indigent they be a warrand granted for that effect Under the penalty of sex pund Scots toties quoties. VI 132.

10 OCTOBER 1723.

The which day ther was a petitione given in be Theodosia Larance who pretends to teach the female youth in the science and airt of sewing and needlework offering to sett up for that end in this burgh and creaving encuragement therfor Which petitione being read the Magistratts and Councill appoynted Baillies Bradfutt and Hatt James Hay

and John Knight the Theas^{r} Conveeners Johnston and Sinklair to meet and hear the sd. Theodosia Larance her demands anent the encouragement desyred and to report the same with their opinion anent the funds for setling therof nixt councill day. VI 160.

12 May 1726.

Which day ther being a complaint made upon John Mowat klockmaker for his neglect in keeping the tounes clock in the tolbooth himselfe made and undertook to keep right To which the said John Mowat ansred his sallery for his pains was so litle that it was not worth pains meantyme agried and undertook to keep the sd. klock right with the sun or the klock himselfe made to Alex^{r} Annand merchant in Old Abd. for the space of ane full year from the first day of June next to come for payment to him of sex pounds Scots money for his pains and oyll otherwayes on his neglect at any time or being found wrang to forfeit his sallary. VI 203.

23 March 1728.

Compeared Mr William Smith Minister of the Gospel in Old Aberdeen and represented and declaired that Barbara Clerk indweller in Aberdeen hade severall tymes come to his house and offered to lay down at his house a child in his custody and keeping of three or four years of age She says belongs to Agnes Clerk her sister and further that some days agoe she and her said sister came to his house and actually laid down the said child att his door and in his house desyring maintenance for the said child sufficient otherways threatening at another tyme to do it privatly And moreover that this day she the said Barbara Clerk had again threatened to lay down the said child at his house and leave the same as above and therefore craving the Magistrats will take cognisance in the affair and oblige her to find caution against such unwarrantable attempts threatning and expressions or practises. VI 247.

2 April 1728.

Wheras it is represented to the sd. Counsill by some members of the Kirk session of Old Abd^{n} that the Masters of the College hade aplyed to them for ther concurrance to intreat the Presbitrie to send some of ther number to sound the inclinations of the Heretors and

others concerned in calling of a Minister for supplying our present vacancie, Which being considered by the Counsill they unanimously appoynted John Robertson and James Hay Baillies Alexander Cowper and William Ross Counsillors or any one of them to attend the Revrend Presbitrie that is to meet at Aberdeen this day and intreat of them a delay of sounding the inclinations of the people untill the suplies granted by the Revrend Presbitrie at ther last meeting be all heard in order to give the people a free choice and for other reasons that may be advanced And impowers the abovenamed persons or any of them to attend the forsd. Presbitry or any eclesiastick judicature that may meet on this affair dureing the forsd. vacancie and plead with the Presbitry for the above delay. VI 248.

26 July 1738.

Thereafter it was represented that Mr Richard Gordon Advocate in Aberdeen had managed the late proces of betwixt the Taylors of Aberdeen and the Taylor Incorporation of this City with great care suficiency, and that it would be for the publick interest to retain the sd. Mr Richard Gordon as ordinary pror. for this City, The Councill considering the said representation did and hereby do unanimously elect the said Mr Richard Gordon as their ordinary prc and consulter in the touns affairs and appoint a guinea to be payed him yearly by the Thesaurer in name of retaining fies by and attour proper allowances for his mannging such accidentall services which may at any time hereafter occur. VIII 4.

8 November 1738.

The said day there was given into the Councill a petition signed by Mrs May Culbert Schoolmistress in this City setting furth that she had been teaching white and colloured seam for a year and a half past to the generall satisfaction as She hoped of those who committed their children. And that she designs to continue in the same business, if suitable encouragement be given, but that as yet she has not by teaching had the means of a decent subsistence. The Councill taking to consideration the said petition and representation, and being willing to incourage and promot the education of children in this place, and being fully satisfied of the suficiencie and proper qualifications of the said Mrs

May Culbert, for teaching as aforsaid, they unanimously appoint their Thesaurer to pay to her at Whitsunday next the sum of twenty pund Scots money, and so furth annually during the Councills pleasures. VIII 14.

7 February 1740.

The said day anent the petition given in by Jannet Forbes relict of Mr John Forbes late minister of the Gospell at Slains mentioning that whereas May Culbert who taught a sewing school in this town, by the countenance and incouradgement of the Magistrats and Councill has lately removed from this place, the said petitioner designs along with her daughter [Helen] to sett up a schooll for the same purpose and therefore craving the concurrance and countenance of the Magistrats and Toun Councill, and that they may be pleased to continue the same public encouradgement with her which Mrs Culbert enjoyed; And the said petitioner should contribute all in her power for the improvement of the children of the town who shall be under her inspection and endeavour to give generall satisfaction [granted]. VIII 33.

2 May 1740.

The said day it was represented by Baillies Bradfut and Burnet that John Still tennent in Cottown had diverted the course of the channel which has been running to the Chanonrie for the accomodation thereof and other parts of the town which the said town had been in possession of by immemoriall prescription, That the saids Baillies had conversed with Mr Midleton anent that affair and dealt with him to have the water returned to its former course But as these conferences with Mr Midleton produced no effect so as the water of the channell be returned to them in its former course unless (as Mr Midleton desyred) the Magistrats and Toun Councill or any having their order do apply to him the said Mr Midleton by write asking the same as a favour, which representation being fully deliberate upon by the Magistrats and Councill They unanimously resolve not to make any application in writting to Mr Midleton desyring the returning of the water as a favour, as the Town has been in the immemoriall possession of the said water, and as they imagine, the making of such written application might be interpret a ceding of their right. VIII 37.

25 JULY 1740.

The said day the Magistrats and Councill taking into their consideration the distress of the inhabitants of this, as well as other places, by the scarcity and dearth of meall, and being informed that meall may be had in the neighbourhood heirby impower Baillie Burnet, Baillie Molyson, with the Thesaurer and the Conveener of the trades to buy up for the use of the inhabitants of the toun a quantity of meall, a hundred bolls more or less, as they find it can be conveniently had, and of as easie a rate as they can purchass it, And further impower the said Committe of Councill to regulate the prise at selling out the same to the inhabitants, And to do every thing else what they shall find proper and necessary in the premisses. VIII 40.

2 OCTOBER 1740.

The said day the Councill takeing to their consideration the hardship of members being continued in the Councill or in the Magistracy for so long a time as had been useuall of late, unanimously aggreed and enacted that in all time comming one of the Magistrats, three of the Merchant Councellors and two of the trades Councellors shall be changed annually. VIII 45.

7 SEPTEMBER 1741.

The said day it being represented to the Magistrats and Councill, that the inhabitants of this City are greatly distressed by the flocking in of stranger beggars, and especially of late since they have been discharged the Town of Aberdeen, And that the poor of this place greatly suffer and cannot be subsisted on the charity they now but share in common with those strangers: The Magistrats and Councill takeing the forsaid greivance to consideration unanimously statute and ordain, that in all time comming no proprietors or possessor of houses within this City shall lett or subsett houses to any person or persons that cannot or do not first shew to the Magistrats a feasible way of subsisting themselves under the penaltie of twenty pund Scots to be payed to the Thesaurer for the poors behoof. And also require and ordain such strangers as have come into this city or liberties at or since Whitsunday last who cannot show a probable way of sustaining themselves and

familys to remove betwixt and Martimmass nixt under the penaltie of publick banishment. And with respect to the present begging strangers the Councill recomend to the Magistrats, that they be instantly discharged out of the town, and the Acts anent vagrants be put in execution. They likeways recomend to the Magistrats, to conferr with the Heritors and Kirk Session of this parioch anent giving of tokens for distinguishing the poor of this parioch from others; and ordain this Act to be publickly intimate to the haill inhabitants by touck of drum, that none may pretend ignorance. VIII 58.

10 October 1741.

The said day it was represented for Conveener Hunter, baxter of this city that at the desire of the Council he had stood a proces befor the Magistrats of Aberdein, as admirals for the Shore dues and syss bole of a loading of wheat landed at Don mouth, but that decreet was passed against him at the instance of Alex^r Peirie Shoremaster, by which he was to the charges of twelve shillings and ten pence sterling and therefor craved that he might be indemnified of the same in respect he had stood the sd. proces Which request the Councill unanimously aggreed to and appoints the Thesaurer to pay the same. VIII 65.

9 September 1742.

The said day the Council having taken to their consideration the former petition anent women shopkeepers given in the tenth of April last. They resolved that for the future the daughters of Merchant Burgesses while they continue unmarried shall have the priviledge of keeping shops And that they be obliged to pay for that priviledge yearly the sum of one pound ten shilling scots at the term of Lammas for the year preceeding under the failzie of having their shops shut up, and that the first years payment be at Lammas Mvij and fourty three years And they further resolved that no other woman (except the daughters of merchant burgesses or their widows) shall be allowed the keeping of shops upon any terms. VIII 79.

20 November 1743.

The which day the Committe appointed for inspecting the present state of the Towns revenue reported that there was exhibited to them

by the late and present Thesaurers a scheme of the yearly fixed rent of the Theasu^ry and of the ordinary anuall necessary expenses which being perused they find the Towns yearly fixed income to be scrimply sufficient for discharging necessary deburs ments And remark that a guinea payed annually to Mr Richard Gordon, Advocate in Aberdeen in name of retaining fees for the Towns bussiness is ane unnecessary expense and should be in the future discharged. VIII 108.

25 April 1744.

The same day compeared the said William Thomson Baillie and produced ane missive Letter signed by Mr James Molyson master of the musick Schooll of this City, dated the 24th of Aprile instant addressed to him the said William Thomson mentioning that he was now in providence called ordained and admitted to a pastorall charge in the neighbouring County[1] and must forthwith leave this place, in order to go and look after the said charge. He thereby signified to the said Baillie Thomson and the uder members of the Councill, That he did demitt and upgive the office of Master of musick Schooll of said City in manner mentioned in the said letter, as the samen of the date forsaid more fully bears. VIII 117.

28 April 1744.

The Councill considering that it would be a great advantage to the inhabitants that book-keeping were taught in their Schooll as weell as writting and arithmetick They therefore do recomend it in the strongest manner to Mr James Paterson to accomplish himself in that study which he informs, he has already began, that he may be qualified for teaching the same, as soon as possible. VIII 117.

6 October 1746.

The said day it being represented to the Councel that as Mr James Mitchell was to be preferred to the benefice of first minister of the parish of Old Machar, in place of Principal Chalmers deceast, That thereby the charge of second minister would fall vacant, and that Mr George Bartlet presently minister of Crimmond had been recommended

[1] Presented to St. Cyrus in December, 1743—*Scott's Fasti.*

by a great part of the heritors, and several of the elders, as a person qualified to fill the vaccancy, and that they were sure the said Mr Bartlet was also agreeable to, and to be chosen by the University The Council being well satisfied with the abilitys and qualifications of said Mr George Bartlet, whom they had often heard while minister at Footie, in this neighbourhood, unanimously agreed to concurr with the others concerned in prosecuting his settlement, And hereby impower Baillie Andrew Burnett their Preses to signify their inclinations in proper form, and to do every other thing requisite thereanent. VIII 151.

6 February 1749.

Thereafter the Councel received in from Peter Mutch Deacon of the Hammermen a petition, signed by him and severall more of the Hammermen trade, Craving they would receive John Martine a hammerman and farrier, and which had been before them before this time, and deferred to this day, And the said petition being read and considered, and also having received a memoir by way of answers to the said petition given in and signed by the conveener in name of the Trades, Showing cause why the said John Martine should not be received and which was also read, and the question being put to proceed or not, It was carried by a majority to proceed in the said affair Thereafter the Councel having considered the forsaid petition and representation and having fully debated the same among themselves, And for the severall reasons therein contained, They putt the Question whither or not the occupation of a Farrier has been in use to be considered as a branch of the Hammermen trade, and whither or not the report made of the essay prescribed to John Martine of his qualifications therein qch is acknowledged to have been, the fitting and nailing on a horse shoe, be sufficient to enrol him as a member of the Hammermen trade, It was carried by a great majority that it was not sufficient, The Councel therefore refused and hereby refuse the desire of the Petition and appoints the clerk to keep the petition and representation and to record them. VIII 196.

13 February 1752.

The said day the Magistrats and Councell considering that whereas many good laws and Acts of Parliament have been made from time to

time for suppressing vagabonds beggars and idle persons who are a great burden and reproach to the Country and that a ruineous brood of such persons are daily increasing who for the most part live without all law or rule, sacred or civill and from some particular circumstances are likely to increas in a remarkable manner in this toun, to the great oppression of the inhabitants and breach of all good order, And seeing the Ministers gentlemen of the University and other inhabitants of the Town, out of their laudable regard for, and disposition towards charity and good order, Have resolved to contribute voluntarly from time to time for the support of the Poor of the town, so that with the help of their own industry, they may be maintained hereafter in their own houses without begging in the streets or at the doors of houses Therefor the Magistrats and Counsell do enact that so long as the said voluntary contribution doth continue so that the Poor shall have a competency to maintain them in their houses, no person or persons in what pretence soever whether belonging to this Town or parish, or to any other town or parish, shall hereafter beg through the streets of this town or at the doors of houses, and that after the first publication of this act by touk of drum if any person or persons shall begg through this town, for the first offence they shall be imprisoned for seven days and fead on bread and water, for the second offence, they shall be imprisoned for thirty days and in like manner feeld on bread and water, and for the third offence they shall be expelled the Town with touk of drum, with certification, if they return again, they shall be corporally punished and delivered over to the house of correction and otherways punished as vagabonds. And in order to discourage vagabonds and idle persons from begging in this Town it is enacted that no person shall give any alms to any such persons begging, either in the streets or at the doors of houses under the penalty of five pound Scots toties quoties. And whereas there are severall people residing in the town of low and destitute circumstances who either are at present or probably will very soon stand in need of publick charity, and yet have not resided three years in this town It is therefore enacted that all such persons shall immediatly return to their own parishes, or if they refuse so to do, that they shall be compelled by the Magistrats so that they and their famillys may not become a burden upon this town. And further in order to prevent for the future the recepting or setting of houses to beggars or those whose circum-

stances are so low that in all probability they must soon become beggars who belong to any other town or parish or to the countrey part of this parish, It is enacted that all persons in such circumstances who come to reside in this place, shall find caution for their maintainance at least for three years without begging or publick charity, and that no persons shall recept or sett them houses or parts of houses to any strangers from other parishes or from the Country part of this parish, but such as are of good moral character and have a stock or visible way of subsistence, and that ten days befor setting a house or part of a house to any person concerning whom there may be the smallest doubt of his being of a bad character or not able to maintain himself, he shall acquaint the magistrat or the elder or constable of the quarter of the persons name occupation and place of residence, that the Magistrats or Kirk Session may inquire into such persons reall circumstances and character and give their directions accordingly. . . . VIII 264.

9 June 1753.

Thereafter the Committee appointed by last Counsell reported that they had talked with tradesmen anent the expenses of bringing in the channell to the Cross, and that the expenses of the same would amount to about thirty pund sterling, including the expence of a reservoyer and pump and conduit of brick. The Counsell taking the above report into their consideration unanimously aggreed that the said water be brought into the Cross according to the above scheme, but with this express provision that there be a sluice at the beginning of the conduit so as all the water of the channell shall run in its former courses in the day time from five o'clock in the morning to nine o'clock at night, the water running in the night time being judged sufficient for filling the reservoir Further the Councell impowered the magistrates and Treasurer to open a voluntary subscription among the inhabitants and other weell wishers of the Town, in order to see what money can be raised for this usefull work. VIII 283.

29 September 1753.

The said day also the Treasurer laid before the Councell Peter Mutches accompt of smith work for Danes axes for the guard at the Mercats and desired the Councells orders what he should pay for the

same. The Councell and the said Peter Mutch having referred the same to John Mowat and John Smith blacksmiths, they gave in their report upon oath that the Danes axes including shafts collouring and letters as they then stood were worth two shillings the piece and in regard to ane article for repairing and cleaning the Towns clock, the said two tradesmen having inspected the same reported that the said work was worth fifteen shillings, wherefor the Councell ordered the Treasurer to clear the said acco[t] accordingly. VIII 285.

16 March 1754.

The said day it having been represented to the Councell that great inconveniency and danger has happened to the inhabitants and others by reason of the fleshers killing swine oxen sheep and other cattell upon the street, and at their doors The magistrates and Councell unanimously aggreed to prohibite for the future killing of swine, oxen, sheep and other cattell upon the street or befor the door of their houses towards the street and appoint the Treasurer to prosecute all offenders against this act.

A farther representation was also made to the Councill that the inhabitants of this town were much teased and vexed with raffles. The Magistrats and Councill unanimously resolved to discourrage the same, and therefor enacted that every inhabitant of this town who shall for the future expose, or have any share in exposeing anything to raffle, also the gainer, or who shall have a share in the gain of any such raffle shall pay three pund Scots money each to the Treasurer for the behoof of the poor. VIII 293.

29 October 1754.

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED AND EXECUTE BY THE PERSON WHO IS TO BE TOWNS SERGEANT.

1. Such person is to be ane actuall residenter in Old Aberdeen and have his residence there with his familly
2. He is to be at all times at hand to wait the calls or orders to be given him by any of the Baillies or Treasurer, which he is punctually to execute.
3. He is to attend upon Sundays at the Magistrates loft door and keep

the same, and be ready to assist in apprehending persons who may be guilty of any irregularitys upon the Lords day

4. He is at least, once every day to go from one end of the town to the other and take up and apprehend any beggars vagrants and strollers and secure them in prison, or bring them befor any of the Magistrates, and receive such orders as shall be given anent any such.
5. He is carefully to attend at six in the morning and nine at night and ring the Tollbooth bell every day in the week.
6. He is to have the hand bell and go through the Town. Ring therewith and make such scrys as shall be desired and shall exact no more therefor but two pence sterling for each time.
7. He shall execute such summondses as he shall be desired in a regular manner, without giving offence to any and shall at all times communicate to the Magistrates any abuses he sees committed in Town.

His sallary shall be eighteen pound scots payed him by the Town Treasurer yearly, with a new coat shoes stockings and hatt each two years or oftner in the option of the Magistrates. He is to have the perquisites of the hand bell, paying half a crown yearly for the same, as also the perquisites arising by making new burgess summondsing of people within burgh, and half a crown for apprehending every beggar or vagrant that he takes up within the Town. VIII 314.

4 January 1755.

The Magistrates and Councill considering that the Students attending the Kings College have rooms and apartments alloted them in the said College, and that by appointment of the principall and masters they are ordered to be in their reaive rooms by nine a clock each night, Therefor and for promoting such a laudable regulation the Magistrates and Councill prohibite and discharge all vintners and innkeepers or other places of publick entertainment from entertaining after nine a clock at night in their houses any of the students who lodge within the College at night under such penalty as the Magistrates shall think proper to inflict, and ordains this act to be intimate by the Town sergeant to those concerned, and that he shall return an execution of his having done so to the next Councill. VIII 319.

13 DECEMBER 1755.

The said day it being represented to the Councill that severall evil minded and disorderly persons have of late been guilty of disturbing the worship of God in this congregation in a very unchristian and criminall manner, to such a degree that one of the ministers found it necessary to make intimation from the pulpit that he would apply to the Magistrates to remove such persons out of the Church, and otherways to punish them. The Magistrates and Councill taking this matter to their serious consideration, hereby discharge all persons from disturbing the worship of God, and do injoin all parents and masters to take care of their children servants and apprentices that they be not guilty of such evill practices herby enacting that if they shall be negligent herein they shall be lyable for the misdemeanours of their children, servants and apprentices. The Treasurer is also appointed to provide some able men to be assisting to the Toun Serjeant and drummer in apprehending offenders, that the peace and good order of the Congregation and place may be effectually keeped. . . . VIII 337.

10 APRIL 1756.

The said day the Conveener represented to the Councill that some tradesmen from the Town of Aberdeen had taken upon them lately to come over to the publick Mercats of this Toun, and to demand so much money from the shoemakers and other tradesmen who had their goods exposed for sale under pretence that they would seize their goods as insufficient if they did not pay the same. The Magistrates and Councill taking the above representation under their consideration do discharge the said practice in time comming, and appoint the Conveener and Trades of this Town to prevent all such practises for the future, and to intimate to those who bring goods to the mercat, that no persons are judges of the insufficiency of their goods but the Dean of Guild and the Ballie of the mercat, and that therefor they are to disregard the demands or determinations of every person else upon this head. VIII 340.

13 SEPTEMBER 1756.

The Magistrates and Councill considering that David Dalrymple Esqr has accepted of the office of Provost of this city, in and upon him

for the ensuing year, They agree and appoint, that the haill magistrates and Councill shall meet in the Councell house tomorrow at ten o clock, or when the Provost can conveniently attend, and waitt upon him in procession to the church, and ordain the Toun serjants with their halberts to walk before the Provost, in like manner, and as is usually done in other Burghs, the Sunday after the provost is elected, or when he goes first to Church. VIII 351.

21 NOVEMBER 1761.

The Committee named for meeting with Mr Middleton anent the channell represented that in order to have said meeting the Provost haid wrote a card to Mr Middleton of which the tenor follows:—

"Sir James Reid presents his compliments to Mr Middleton begs leave to acquaint him that the Magistrates of Old Aberdeen intend waiting on him this day twixt 12 and 1 o clock if it is convenient for him, if otherways entreats to know when it will be agreeable".

To this card which was dated the 20th current the following answer was returned:—

"Mr Midletons compliments to Sir James Reid he is pre-engaged. The Magistrates and Community of Old Abd^{n} have been long used to Mr Midletons good neighbourhood but as they have broke it so uncivilly and illegally Mr Midleton declines any meeting with them on the subject."

The Councill haveing considered the within report along with the two cards within minuted, They are of opinion that the Toun and Community are ill used by Mr Midleton, and therefore they agree that in the first place a petition be given into the Sheriff of Aberdeen for haveing the channell water allowed to run for the benefite of the Toune as formerly, at least till it be tryed to whom the property belongs and if the Town and Community have a servitude therein, and in the next place as its troublesome to be calling a Councill on every emergency thereanent, The Councill unanimously agree to and doe name the Magistrates and the Principall of the Colledge as being concerned for the hospitall a committee for meeting and advising as to all steps necessary to be taken in relation to the above affair, and in case of any plea being found necessary they name John Clerk senior, advocate in Aberdeen as their agent and doer. VIII 417.

3 MAY 1763.

The Theasurer haveing again refused to sign a complaint agst two persons lyable in terms of law for a clandestine marriage and haveing also refused to sign any complaints of that nature for the future it was agreed that John Johnston Clerk depute be ordained as Pror^{c} fiscall of Court for the future for signing and complaining on all delinquents as the Magistrates shall think proper. IX 9.

22 DECEMBER 1764.

Thereafter the Councill having taken under their consideration that the Port at the Chaplains is a nausance ruinous and in danger of falling Therefore the Councill appoint the said old gate to be selt to publick roup on Saturday next the twenty-ninth of December current. The highest bidder on carrying the roup to pay the proceeds thereof to the Treasurer. . . . And likeways they ordain that the purchaser shall remove the said gate and rubish thereof twixt and the first day of March next upon their own proper charges and expenses. IX 25.

12 JANUARY 1765.

The Magistrates reported the selling of the stones of an old gate called the Chaplains Port at three pound three shillings and sixpence sterling to Bailie Skene for behoof of Baillie Clark. The Council approve thereof and think the price adequate. IX 25.

23 FEBRUARY 1765.

COPY INTERLOCUTOR CAUSA MIDLETON OF SEATON AG^{T} THE PROVOST AND MAGISTRATES OF OLD ABERDEEN.

Upon Report of the Lord Bargeny—the Lords Advocats both causes from the Sherreff and find that the Toun of old Aberdeen has a right to the use of the water both of the Angle and Tanners Wells subject to the necessary uses of Mr Midletons farm and find that the said Town has a right to remove all obstructions which may happen in the channells of said two wells, and to clean the same up to the respective fountain heads, and that at all times and seasons when such obstructions shall happen and cleaning shall be necessary with such number of hands as shall be judged fitt upon previous intimation of days

being made to Mr Middleton personally or at his dwelling place And find that Mr. Middleton must allow access to the persons sent to clean the said channells through his inclosures when demanded And find no expences or dammages due to either party and assolzie from all other conclusions of the processis. IX 28.

31 May 1769.

It was represented to the Councill that in consequence of former proposalls anent bringing water to the Town the Committee for the purpose had now agreed with the plummer and entered into writing with him thereanent and had also agreed with the Colledge masters as to the property of the water springs . . . And whereas it is absolutely necessary to have a reservoir for the water within the Town the Councill went and visited the low or ground flatt room of the Prison and found it not only the most commodious place for the purpose but that the useing of it will save a deal of expence to the Town They therefore approved of useing the said lower ground flatt room of said prison for the purpose of said Reservoir, and as by useing it in that way the prison room must be carried to the third flatt. IX 67.

5 October 1769.

The old and new Councill haveing considered the small funds of the Town and that they are unable to pay some entertainments usually given at the expense of the Town particularly what is spent on the nights of the two mercats They agree to curtaill that expence in so far as only to allow the Theausurer to pay four pound scots to the men that mount guard and to be used by them as they think proper. IX 71.

25 April 1772.

The Treasurer reported that the officer of court wanted a coat and the Councill haveing considered that the late officers coat was sufficient appoints two tradesmen to inspect and put a value upon the same and appoints the Treasurer to pay the officers widow for the same. IX 89.

29 March 1779.

The Councill haveing considered the Petition given in anent building a new Town house by subscription they approve of such and

empower their Theasurer in name of the Town to subscrive thirty pounds for that purpose Besides the materialls of the old Town house which they will also give to the undertaker for the building and which must be estimet in going about said work. IX 138.

30 October 1780.

There haveing [arisen] doubts and disputes anent the entering of second sons as burgesses jure pat: on shewing that the eldest son is abroad, and on granting obligation to pay the composition if the eldest son ever appear to claim his right. The Councill for avoiding disputes of this kind for the future agree to receive ane second son in the place off the first But they agree to receive the second and all other sons for half of composition and dues paid by burges's either merchant or trads as they incline to enter And if a burges has no sons and only dau^{rs} the husband of the eldest shall be entered in the same way as the eldest son could have been and the husband of the second and all other dau^{rs} shall be entered on the same terms as the second and other sons could have entered and if a burges shall have both sons and dau^{rs} all of them may be entered for half composition except the eldest son who still enjoys his priviledge. IX 149.

26 June 1782.

Baillie McKleod produced to the Councill and which was read over a letter from Mr Elphinston Sheriff of Abd^{n} shire inclosing the Earl of Shelborns letter and heads of a plan for arming the principall towns in Scotland all which being considered by the councill they ordered B. McKleod to write the Sheriff and in the meantime recommend to the Conveener of the trades betwixt and this day fourteen days to call the different trades and report to the Councill the sense of their meetings so as some plan may be formed and resolved on and they order the said letter and plan to be left with the Theasurer to be seen by all the inhabitants who chuse to call for the same. IX 162.

25 July 1782.

At the first meeting of the Military Association of this town, formed in compliance with his Majestys recommendation for the purpose of learning the military exercise, and assisting in the defence

of this Town and neighbourhood in case of hostile invasion. The following resolutions were unanimously agreed upon vizt—

1st Every regulation respecting this Association is to be formed by the votes of the majority of the members, and afterwards to be binding upon the whole.

2d The arms and accoutrements of the Volunteers to remain in their custody, during the time of their learning the exercise, and afterwards to be deposited wherever the Commandant of the Corps may think proper to direct. Each volunteer to give a receipt for the arms and accoutrements placed in his possession.

3d Hugh McLean of Coll as chief Magistrate of this Town when present at a field day or review, to have the compliment paid him as Commander in Chief But as he is not a military man he is in no respect to command or give orders, which is only to be done by the Commandant of the Corps.

4th The officers of the Corps to consist of a commandant, one captain, one lieutenant, and one ensign.

5th The following gentlemen and inhabitants of this Town are unanimously voted to fill those stations vizt Major Ach^{d} Mitchell, formerly an officer in his Majesty's service and lately a major in the service of the East India Comp^{y} to be Commandant of the Corps. Captain Alexander Geary many years in his Majesty's service and late a captain in the service of the East India Comp^{y} to be Captain. Hugh Leslie Esq of Powis, to be lieutenant, Mr Wm Volum, Conveener of the Trades to be Ensign.

6th A committee to be chosen, consisting of Hugh McLean Esqr Provost, the four officers of the corps and five other members of the Association, for the purpose of regulating the business of the whole. The following members are chosen for the Committee vizt

Professors {Gordon / McLeod} Baillies {Cruickshank / Ogilvy}

7th The officers of the corps and members of the Committee to be selected at the expiration of every three months.

8th In case of invasion it is to be at the option of the corps whether they will choose to leave the Town, in order to assist their neighbours In such cases and when acting in conjunction with his Majestys regular

forces, they are to be under the orders of his Majesty's commanding officers, and to be subject to martial law.

The members of the Association respectfully acquaint the Magistrates of the Town, that their corps already consists of seventy volunteers, and they hope in a little time it will amount to one hundred. They therefore recomend that that number of arms and accoutrements, with a sufficient proportion of ammunition for exercise and real service should be immediately procured from his Majesty's stores, and such a number of non-commissioned officers appointed for them, from the regular troops as shall be thought sufficient to instruct them in the military exercise. They farther beg leave respectfully to represent that as the whole number of the inhabitants of this Town, fit to bear arms, does not exceed one hundred and seventy they therefore hope that the unanimity they have shown, in complying with his Majesty's recommendation will be acceptable to their Gracious Soverign and his Ministers. IX 163:

5 October 1786.

Thereafter there was laid before them outlines of a plan for uniting the Kings and Marischall Colleges. And they having fully and maturely considered the same with the arguments advanced and urged in the writings on both sides of the question were unanimously of opinion that the above plan will not be productive of the advantages it sets furth but on the contrary will be hurtful to the country and prejudicial to the interests of education, and seeing that this scheme cannot be brought about without the subversion of the chartered rights of a venerable University which has subsisted in our City for near three centurys with honour and reputation We the Provost, Magistrates and Council must express our disaprobation of this plan and the methods by which it has been carried on—And our trust and confidence that our Gracious Soverign and the houses of Parliament will reject the same if it shall ever be laid before them in a way that shall effectually discourage the like attempts for the future. And in regard the best interests of this City are so deeply concerned in the event of this plan of Union which if executed would greatly reduce the value of the whole property of its inhabitants The Council recommended to the Provost and Bailies to transmitt an extract or certified copy of the present Act to

the r^t honb^le Lord Sydney Secretary of State for the Northern department and in the Councils name to request his Lop^s countenance and support of the University in our town labouring at present under oppression and persecution And farther that if need be they will petition his Majesty and the houses of Parliament and make every legal and constitutional opposition to so unprecedented and ruinous a measure. IX 205.

5 FEBRUARY 1788.

Severall of the estimates for executing the plan No 1 [for rebuilding the town house] and three for executing No 2 were laid before the [Committee] on considering which they agried at present to deferr determining which of the two should be adopted but finding the estimate given in by Conveener Jaffray for both plans that for No 1 amounting to £330 sterling and that for No 2 to £475 are upon the whole as reasonable as any given in and much below severall of them they unanimously agree to employ the said Conveener Jaffray for the whole building and undertake to inform him which of the two plans shall be executed against the first day of March next. . . . IX 237.

28 NOVEMBER 1788.

The Magistrates being resolved to make an extact enquiry into the late dangerous fire which happened lately in this city found that it had arisen from accident and no culpable neglect or inattention, but as the Town is in such constant danger from an improper manner of cleaning chimnies and from thatched roofs they resolve to make such regulations as shall appear proper for preventing such accidents in future and for that purpose adjourn the Council to Saturday the 6th December next and in the meantime they prohibit the proprietors of the houses which have been lately burnt from repairing them with thatch. IX 228.

13 JULY 1789.

A representation was given in by a number of gentlemen complaining of the nuisance of the port called Clunies port leading to and from the church and that the same is ruinous and dangerous. The Councill order the Theasurer to cause make out a regular complaint and have the same served upon Walter Leith the person pretending to

OLD ABERDEEN, in 1798.

From A. Nasmyth's Painting after Drawing by R. Seaton.

be the proprietor of said port so as he may show cause, if he any has, why the port should not be pulled down or rebuilt in such manner as to avoid danger of the same being a nuisance in time comeing. IX 236.

18 JANUARY 1796.[1]

The Provost informed the meeting that the Committee named at the Court on the 30 November last for making up a list and rent roll of the whole house rents within the City, not being prepared to make their report on the 4th curt an adjournment to this day was advertised by tuck of drum. He now produced their report, by which it appeared that the number of inhabitants is 1100, And that the amount or value of their rents is £540 15. 0 sterl.[2]

The Provost then represented to the meeting that great complaints have been made for sometime past of the badness of the streets and lanes of this City. That the Treasury is at present in so low a state that the only fund for their support is what remains of the statute labour after keeping in repair the East road; and as it must be allowed the having the streets lighted in the winter season would be a great advantage to the inhabitants it is to be wished some plan could be devised to causeway properly, have a foot pavement and light the streets with a sufficient number of lamps. To accomplish improvements so beneficial to the community the present head Court is called in order to deliberate on the propriety and expediency of these measures, and to concert the means for raising a fund as little burdensome as possible to the inhabitants.

The Provost then submitted the following plan and proposals to the meeting—

1. That the inhabitants shall assess themselves for the space of twenty one years at the rate of one shilling per pound sterling of their rents for defraying the expence of paving and lighting the streets and supplying the City with water.

2. That the first payment of the assessment shall be at Whitsunday first.

3. Seven trustees for carrying these measures into effect shall be chosen once in every two years, out among and by the inhabitants of the description after mentioned. The twenty-fifth of March to be the

[1] Meeting of the Head Court. [2] See *infra*.

day, and the Court house the place of election, or the next lawful day if that shall fall on a Sunday Signed lists to be given in by the voters three days previous to the day of election, at the first and ensuing election, to the Assessors named at the last Head Court, And to the Trustees for the time at the subsequent elections, who shall have power to compare the lists and declare who are elected. Four to be a quorum.

4. These Trustees shall have the sole management and direction of paving and lighting the streets and supplying the town with water, and of employing and paying proper persons for these purposes.

5. They shall have power to choose a clerk, if they see proper, and must keep regular and distinct books and accompts of their receipt anp expenditure.

6. Every inhabitant paying fifteen shillings of rent, or whose house or shop is valued at and would produce that rent, to have a vote in the election of Trustees.

7. Any inhabitants paying £3 of rent or whose house or shop is valued at that sum to be eligible as a Trustee.

8. The Trustees books and accompts shall lye in their clerks hands open for inspection at least two weeks before the Election biennally.

9. The commencement of these operations and improvements shall take place at least within six months from the payment of the first assessment.

These proposals being read over and deliberately considered, were agreed to, and adopted and ordered furthwith to be carried into execution And the meeting voted their thanks to the Provost [Hugh Leslie] for the trouble he had taken in this affair. XI 284

7 May 1798.

The Magistrates and Council having taken under their serious consideration the present danger of the Country from the threatened invasion of the French, and the necessity of opposing with unanimity and spirit the ambitious and destructive views of our inveterate enemys Resolved that it is the duty of good citizens to unite their efforts at the present momentous crisis in the support of the Religion Laws and Liberties of the Country and to concur in the general plan of defence by making offer of their personal services.

Resolved that the Magistrates and Town Council shall by their influence and example recommend it to the inhabitants to prepare themselves for rendering personal services in defence of the King and Country in the most efficacious manner.

Resolved that the thanks of the Magistrates and Council be returned Provost Leslie for his suggestion of these resolutions, and that the same shall be published in the *Aberdeen Journal*. IX 305.

19 NOVEMBER 1800.

Several letters and papers respecting the proposed Hospital being laid before the Council, they authorised Provost Leslie to write Principal McLeod the following letter.

ABD^N 19 *Nov.* 1800.

SIR

The Magistrates and Town Council having taken into consideration the proposal of Mr Walker's friend A. B., agree unanimously that the ground for his proposed Hospital shall be procured by the Corporation and conveyed to his Trustees gratis And request you to express to him how sensible they are of the benefite and advantage the City will derive from this his proposed plan, which they wish by every means in their power to facilitate. IX 338.

30 MARCH 1801.

Thereafter it was moved and unanimously resolved that the intended line of the new Turnpike road will be hurtful and injurious to the interests of the Town. And a sketch or draft of several objections and propositions on the subject being produced was read over and approven of and the clerk was authorised to make out get subscribed by the Provost and give in to the Trustees on the Turnpike road, a proper petition or remonstrance on the subject, adopting the plans and proposals and different suggestions ment^d in the said sketch And the Treasurer and John Irvine Junr were also authorised to commune with Capt Fiddes on the subject to request his assistance on getting a regular and proper plan of the line which would be most beneficial to the Town. IX 346.

17 JUNE 1801.

The Council ordained the Clerk to prepare and forward to David Mitchell Esquire of Holloway Down in the county of Essex, a Burgess ticket conferring on him the freedom of the Town in return for his generosity and benevolence in the erection of the Hospital. IX 355.

16 OCTOBER 1809.

Wednesday the 25th currt being the day for a Jubilee on his Majesty entering the 50th year of his reign the Provost was authorised to request of Dr. Ogilvie senior clergyman to preach a suitable sermon in the parish church that day. The collection at the doors to be for charitable purposes. And the Treasurer was ordered to prepare an entertainment in the Town Hall that evening similar to what is given on the birthday, with the addition of fish—to begin at eight. IX 423.

27 NOVEMBER 1809.

Complaints having been made of people using fire arms in the churchyard at night, when watching the bodys of their deceased friends, whereby danger and inconvenience may arise. It was recommended to the Provost to publish notices prohibiting any such practice in future, and also to ask of the clergymen of the City to give similar notices from the pulpit.

30 SEPTEMBER 1830.

The Council also authorised the Treasurer to purchase a key bugle the price not to exceed three pounds stg., and the drummer was ordered to use it in the morning in place of the drum. X 49.

6 OCTOBER 1831.

There was laid before the Council an application from the Kirk Session of Old Machar requesting the Magistrates to direct their Officer to desist from calling roups &c. at the church door on Sabbath; the Magistrates and Council having taken the same into consideration are of opinion that so long as the Sheriff directs his warrants to roup, and other judicial procedure to be intimated at the church door, they cannot well interfere, but will most readily concur with the Kirk Session in any plan to remedy the evil complained of as much as possible. X 62.

14 JULY 1835.

The Magistrates and Town Council had before them a letter from Mr Bannerman M.P. addressed to Mr Nicol advocate regarding the Aberdeen University Bill, now in progress through Parliament in which he positively declares that no alteration will be made in that clause of the Bill which transfers the School of Arts from King's College to New Aberdeen and that he is quite ready to meet the obloquy to which he must necessarily be exposed from those whose interests this measure chiefly affects that no material alteration can be obtained in the House of Commons but by a division and that little can be hoped for in that manner in short that he means as far as depends upon him to press the Bill through the House without any alteration or amendment.

The Council taking into consideration this most extraordinary communication do hereby unanimously record their opinion that it is tyrannical, unreasonable, and unjust, and highly insulting to the Magistrates and other inhabitants of Old Aberdeen whose interests are so deeply involved in this obnoxious measure.

The following resolutions were made and unanimously agreed to—

That the Magistrates and Town Council, who are the legal guardians of the Common Good, feel themselves imperatively called upon to adopt every constitutional means of averting this public calamity. That the Lord Provost who has kindly offered to proceed to London forthwith be authorised if he see cause to employ Counsel at the expense of the public funds to defend the interest of Old Aberdeen when the Bill comes under discussion in both Houses of Parliament. That the petition now in preparation of the Magistrates to the House of Commons be sent for presentation to General Arbuthnot and that to the House of Lords to Lord Aberdeen the Chancellor of the University with an earnest request to support the prayer. That copies of these petitions be printed and circulated among the most influential members of both Houses accompanied with letters calling their particular attention to the grievances complained of and begging them to use their best endeavours to obtain the necessary redress. X 114.

28 May 1836.

The Provost laid before the meeting a Bill to provide for the better regulation of Municipal Corporations in Scotland prepared and brought in to Parliament by Mr Stewart and the Lord Advocate, which bill provides that Old Aberdeen and New Aberdeen shall be united under one Magistracy and containing many other provisions highly objectionable to the meeting. They therefore appointed . . . a committee to go over the Bill and to report their opinion to a future meeting. X 132.

13 November 1846.

The Provost stated that he had called the present meeting in consequence of having observed in last *Aberdeen Journal*, an advertisement calling a meeting of the inhabitants of Aberdeen, and the suburbs; to consider an application proposed to be made to next session of Parliament, for a Bill for the purchase of the Aberdeen Gas Works, and the improvement of the City of Aberdeen, and in which it was contemplated to include this City. The Council after considering the matter, were of opinion that the proposed measure, having been so hurriedly gone into, and being as yet undeveloped to such an extent, so as to enable the meeting to understand it in all its bearings, it would be better for the Magistrates and Council in the meantime neither to assent or dissent at the public meeting. X 214.

25 August 1847.

Baillie Dyce stated that he had requested the present meeting to be called with a view of proposing that the Council should request Mr Dalgarno to sit for his portrait to be hung up in the Town Hall as some mark of respect for his great liberality and benevolence to the poor in instituting and so liberally endowing the "Dalgarno Poor Fund". Mr Dyce's proposition having been favourably received by the Council, Messrs Dyce and Stables were named as a deputation to ascertain if would be agreeable to Mr. Dalgarno himself and the deputation having reported to the meeting that they had seen Mr. Dalgarno and that he had consented to sit for the portrait the meeting cordially agreed to Mr Dyce's proposal, and appointed the Provost and Baillies Nicol and Dyce a Committee to see it carried into effect.[1] X 224.

[1] The portrait, which was painted by Mr. John Mitchell, now hangs in the Town and County Hall.

21 SEPTEMBER 1848.

Provost Nicol reported to the Council that in accordance with the resolutions agreed upon at a previous meeting, he had the honour along with the other Magistrates of waiting on his Royal Highness Prince Albert in the forenoon of the seventh inst., in the Hall of King's College and of presenting to him the following address which his Royal Highness was pleased most graciously to receive and having also condescended to accept the freedom of the city therein offered to him by the Council a diploma had been prepared in his favor and his name entered in the Roll of Burgesses.

Copy Address—

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT

May it please your Royal Highness

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Provost Magistrates and Council of the City of Old Aberdeen most cordially offer to your Royal Highness our congratulations on the occasion of your first visit to this part of the United Kingdom. We have witnessed with delight the high and princely accomplishments and the public and private virtues by which your Royal Highness has adorned the exalted station you occupy. And it is our fervent prayer and hope that Divine Providence may long vouchsafe to Her Majesty and your Royal Highness the blessing of every domestic enjoyment and we most respectfully entreat your Royal Highness to permit us to have the honour of enrolling your name amongst the number of our freemen and to accept the usual certificate. Signed in our name &c. X 239.

31 JULY 1849.

Baillie Fyfe stated that he along with others were conscious that an endeavour should be made to discontinue the practice of giving bread and wine at funerals. Whereupon it was agreed that a Committee of the Council be appointed to meet with the Kirk Session on the subject. The following were appointed for that purpose, The Provost Baillie Fyfe and Convener Laws. X 250.

16 DECEMBER 1854.

The Committee appointed at last meeting relative to the proposed Union of King's College and Marischal College laid before the meeting the draft of a Memorial to the Earl of Aberdeen. The Memorial was to the following effect—

Sheweth

That your Memorialists have watched with great interest the measures which have lately been taken here and elsewhere for effecting a Union between King's College and Marischal College; and, therefore, as the representatives of the community of Old Aberdeen, venture to address your Lordship on the subject: This City has, for the last three hundred and fifty years, been the seat of a University invested with all the powers granted to any similar seminary in Europe; and of a College which has hitherto been the representative of the University. Accordingly the members of the Town Council, in common with the inhabitants, regard the University and College as the chief ornaments of their City, and the sources of its prosperity; and look with jealousy on any interference with the privileges which, through a succession of ages, have been transmitted to them. At the same time they are quite sensible of the anomalous position which the two Colleges hold among the Universities of Scotland in consequence of the deficiency of Professorships in all the Faculties; and, believing that their present condition can be improved only by a well considered scheme of Union, they are prepared to support such a Union on terms which appear them to be fair and equitable.

Your Memorialists are besides fully aware of the invaluable advantages which would be conferred on the North of Scotland by the establishment in this locality of a University complete in all the Faculties, not only in promoting the interests of Literature and Science, but also in furnishing to the Youth of the country an Education of the best description without the inconvenience or expense of resorting to more distant Universities. Your Memorialists regard it as a circumstance peculiarly fortunate that your Lordship presides in the Councils of Her Majesty when a question involving so many important interests is brought under the notice of the Government. Your Lordship's long connection with the University and King's College as Rector and

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From a Photograph.

Chancellor, and the deep interest which you have always taken in their prosperity, render it unnecessary for your Memorialists to enter into further details, and they, therefore, beg leave most respectfully to submit the following principles of Union.

I. That in the University to be established, the precedence, rights and privileges granted [illegible] Aberdeen [illegible] in 1497, shall be [illegible] that [illegible] by the combined [illegible]

II. That the [illegible] of Arts, namely [illegible] English Literature [illegible] shall conduct the [illegible]

III. That [illegible] Chemistry and Natural [illegible] shall be conducted [illegible] Government to [illegible] after due consideration [illegible]

Your Memorialists [illegible] the terms of [illegible] to the circumstances [illegible] Branches of the [illegible] New Aberdeen [illegible] Aberdeen [illegible] classes in Arts [illegible] King's College [illegible] ancient University [illegible] Faculty of Arts [illegible]

IV. That [illegible] liberal; so as [illegible] management, and [illegible] may, from time [illegible]

Your Memorialists [illegible] your Lordship [illegible] of introducing a measure [illegible] during the present Session [illegible] will permit.

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Chancellor, and the deep interest which you have always taken in their prosperity, render it unnecessary for your Memorialists to enter into further details, and they, therefore, beg leave most respectfully to submit the following principles of Union.

I. That in the University to be established, the precedence, rights and privileges granted to the University of Aberdeen in 1494, and ratified in 1497, shall be maintained inviolate, and that these shall be exercised by the combined University.

II. That there shall be a complete staff of Professors in the Faculty of Arts, namely, Professors of Latin, Greek, Mathematics, Logic and English Literature, Natural Philosophy, and Moral Philosophy, who shall conduct their classes in King's College.

III. That the classes in the faculty of Medicine including those of Chemistry and Natural History and the classes in the Faculty of Law, shall be conducted in Marischal College; and that it shall be left to the Government to allocate the classes in the Faculty of Divinity as may after due consideration be deemed most advisable.

Your Memorialists need not remind your Lordship that, in adjusting the terms of Union between the two Colleges, due regard should be paid to the circumstances in which they are severally placed as respects the Branches of study for which their localities are best adapted. While New Aberdeen is a fit site for the classes in Law and Medicine, Old Aberdeen is from its quiet and retired situation the best place for the classes in Arts; and as such was apparently selected by the Founder of King's College. On this ground, and on the ground of justice to the ancient University your Memorialists trust that at least a complete Faculty of Arts will be retained in King's College.

IV. That the constitution of the University shall be broad and liberal; so as to secure the confidence of the public in its internal management, and faciliate such improvements as altered circumstances may, from time to time, require.

Your Memorialists, in conclusion, take the liberty of pressing upon your Lordship, as the head of Her Majesty's Government, the necessity of introducing a measure for effecting the Union of the Colleges as soon, during the present Session of Parliament, as the state of public business will permit.

They have entire confidence in your Lordship's knowledge of the subject, in your acquaintance with the circumstances and wants of the country and in the integrity and sincerity which have distinguished your whole life as a Peer of Parliament, and as a Minister of State.

Signed in name, and by appointment, &c. XI 28.

EXTRACTS FROM ACCOUNTS.

CHARGE 1660-61.

From Jhon Irving for not Scotting and lotting w^{t} the toune, 40s.

From Pa. Norvill for the samyne, 30s.

From Pa. Clerk for the samyne, 18s.

Resawed of the charter money colected for that vse be V^{m} Angus qlk is to be sent to Ed^{r} 82 lib. 13s. 4d.

DISCHARGE 1660-61.

To Tho Jhonstone for the rest of the Counsell hous glas, 2 lib. 13s.

Item in Al. Murrays hous bringing him out of his sick bed to hold ane court anent our libertis, 12s.

Item payit on the Kings Corination day, 4 lib.

Item in balze Forbes hous q^{n} the newtone balzes cam to seik ane copie of the chartor, 8s.

Item on the corination day to pyper and drumer, 3 lib.

Item for copeing of the Chartor and at the sending of it away in balze Forbes hous, 3 lib 6s. 8d.

Item at the resawing of our charter q^{n} it came home, 12s.

Item to M^{r} Pa. Gordone for ratefeing our charter that he debursit in Ed^{r}, 66 lib 13s. 4d.

Item to Ro^{t} Makiomes for careing ane letter to Ed^{r} and bringing ane ansuer, 6s.

CHARGE 1661-62.

Onla mo^{e}

Robert Law for fals wyghts	1	0	0
Wm Lind for dilepending the Magistratts and Counsall .	13	6	8
Mage Thomson for the Cousdome	26	13	4

Discharge 1661-62.

First to Drow Barker for ane lock to the box	0	18	0
Jo^{n} Coutts for dresing the skooll	9	0	8
Thomas Angus for procleming our Market at Fyffie . .	3	0	0
Hendrie Adam for procleming our Market at Banchorie .	2	1	0
W^{m} Jo^{n}stoun and the drowmer for procleming first our market at Kinkell and secondly at Trewell fair .	2	14	0
For 4 elne of grayes to the drowmer	4	0	0
For steiching and threid and making	1	4	0
For ane pair of shone to him	1	0	0
Robert Broune for ane skine to the drowm	0	6	0
Wm Lind for strangers in his hous	1	17	0
Wm Hay Skoollm^{r} in pairt of his stipent	3	6	8
Jo^{n} Johnstoun for condvying ane mad wyff . . .	0	12	0
Androw Lindsay when he wynt to meit the bishope . .	1	10	0
Wm Jonstoun in pairt of payement of the mo^{e} that he lent James Gordone q^{n} he wynt to meit the bishop first .	26	13	4
And to him the second tyme	26	18	0
Johne Coutts at the dresing of the bishopes hous . .	2	18	0
The accompt off what moneys wes receaved by James Gordone for repairing of the Bishops house . .	72	15	4
Imprimis given to the sklaiter first and last . . .	31	12	0
More given to the sklaiter for naills	1	10	0
More given to John Cowets for making the great yeat and yeard yeat	12	0	0
Moir to John Johnston for biging the dyck and dressing the lum heads	1	4	0
Moir again to John Cowts for helping the forstairs dressing off the loft sylering and windowes	1	16	0

Discharge 1663-4.

Delyvered to John Reid Trumpiter	6	0	0
Delyvred to Bailie Gordone q^{n} he went over to meit with the Bishope of Rose	0	6	0
Delyvered to Alex^{r} Sandisone for his clerke fie . . .	13	6	8
Delyvered to Alex^{r} Irveinge for pepere and bindinge the curt booke	0	14	0

At the sendinge away of Baillie Gordone to solut the Bishope	2	0	0
For pyps candle tobbaco drinke to them that roult the marcat	4	0	0
For confectionis and aples and resens to Bishope	5	2	0

DISCHARGE 1664-65.

Iteme more for aill and tabbaco givene to Elspit Cunens at the cuntinuinge of the baillis	2	0	0
Item more for candle tabbaco peper sending away leters, drinke money, for Luks fair	2	0	0
Iteme more givene to John Forbes printere for insertinge of the marcat in the prognoustica°ne	4	4	0
Item for wyne and aill vpone the same accompt	0	14	0
Item more givene to Gilbert Mackie for wyting on the faire	0	6	0
Iteme more at the visiting of the Comone Moses	3	4	0

CHARGE 1665-66.

Mor for the coustom of luks fair '65 of fie money	24	0	0
Mor for the coustom of skier thursdays fair in '66 in lent	21	12	0
Mor from James Gordon for the year of God '66 for the loch maill	20	0	0
Mor from Alex^{r} Orum for the small coustome for the year '66	33	6	8

DISCHARGE 1665-66.

More spent in John Mils house in Dubford at the visiting of the Mosse	1	10	0
Mor to the gaird and officers drumier and the pyper at the market for ther seruice	1	13	0
Mor at tuo metings w^{t} Franses Iruing in Widow Forbes hous	2	10	0
Mor spent in Dubford at ane meeting w^{t} Hiltone and Balgovnie	1	12	0
Mor thre ston tualf pound of yrone for the crose	9	0	0
Mor giuen to Georg Cuming for working the yrone work to the crose and meting hous stair	6	4	0

Mor spent at the making up of the last years compts and sending south aboutt the bussines that fell out betuixt John Lech him and me upon the tounes acompt . .	6	16	0

DISCHARGE 1666-67.

Item in the first for charges to the watch the first night that Elspet Muskie was put in prison	0	18	8
Mor the second night to the watch for aill and candell .	0	7	4
Mor the third night for peats and aill and candell . .	0	11	8
Mor the said night to Mettie Fackoner for atending upon hir in the night tyme	0	4	0
Mor the tent night to Metie Fackoner and candell . .	0	4	8
Item spent in Widow Forbes at the first meeting that the baylies and counsell mett this year	2	8	0
Item given to Androw Gray for four meall peks wt ane quarter pek to the meall house	2	16	0
Item given to John Lech which was risting him for bred to the healenders that cam to tak doun the . .	2	0	0
Item spent upon the charges of thertine men and horse besyd the horse hyre that went to turro to bring Patrick Roay to Abd.	24	0	0
Item for working the timber work wt the shauing of the dayles and sylling of the house and puting wp the turned pillers wt ane turned passeg in the wast end of the house wt the deask and seats round in the meting house	22	0	0
Mor spent be Thomas Anguse at the wpgatherine of the stent that was apoynted for repering of the metting house	0	5	4

DISCHARGE 1667-68.

To William Ker painter for the kings armes	6	0	0
To Alexr Christal for backing and mulering of the said armes	2	12	0
Mor to the gward that night that John Fraser did abuse the baylzies and studants of the Kings Coledg for candle and tobacco	0	2	8

To James Taylor that night for drink to the guard . .	0	12	0
More when the musick scooll was visited for 4 pound of plumdemus to the bairnes	0	8	0
Mor to the post M^r^ for sending south of the letters . .	0	12	0
Mor for ane horse hyre for overtaking the post being gone	0	6	0
Mor for drink to the post to cause him hav a car of the letters to deliver them	0	3	0

DISCHARGE 1670-71.

Item for ane sword and ane shulder belt and ane hat to mount James Frost	4	18	0
Item spent in baily Forbes house desyring his advyse for my saffitie from the Dein a gild and to tell the bishop	1	0	0

DISCHARGE 1671-73.

Item payed by ordure to the Shireffe Deput for the blew coat	100	0	0
Item payed to M. William and M. George Heyes school-masters for their stipen the years of God 1671, 1672, 1673	20	0	0
Item payed for ane waluation book and for caring leters to our severall helpers for the blew coat	5	15	0
Mor when I fied Williame Walker to serve for a Reed Coat for the Toune	3	5	0
Mor when I fied John Robe to be a reed coat for the townes service 4s to the said John as arles moneye and 12s to the sergant and twentie shilling with the Livtennant or he would except him or give him the oath is in all	1	14	0
Mor depursed at the last privat randivoues with Livtennant Ro^t^son when James Frost fled from his collors . .	1	10	0
Mor depursed in balizie Forbeses at Seatons ordure with the Councell making a visit to his wiff he being absent	1	10	0

CHARGE 1673-74.

Item poyndit from Wm Andersone ane kist ane ambrie ane brew fatt comprysed to 2 lib 13s. 4d. q^t^vpon he took bak the goods and delyverit the moe	2	13	4

Item from Andro Grey ane brew fatt and thrie chares comprysed at 4 lib 13s. 4d. qlk poynds was delyverit to the sojours in pairt of payment of their wages . . .			
Item from Wm Crukshank a petticoat a kist half a blanket ane old lint wheell comprysed at 8 merks qlk chist and half blanket belonged to Gilbert Walker beidman and was ordeint to be given to him be the bailies and the petticoat and lint wheell was given to the sojours in pairt of payment of their wages			
Item from Andro Baird a kist w^{t} thrie pound weicht of wooll therin comprysed to 4 lib. 13s. 4d. qch I sold at the samen rate and put the moe. among my recepts .	4	13	4

DISCHARGE 1673-75.

Item to the souldioures at the gra^{ll} Randevouzes for ther pay and dressing ther armes	7	4	0
Item to our tounes agent Wm Gordone for promesing to send home the great charter and ratificatione of the thursdayes mercatt	2	16	0
Item payit to Allex^{r} Moreis by ordor for a draught anent the releiff of our excyse to get a pairt defalcat and laid on upon the shyre	2	8	0
Item at my lord Seforths making burges and 3 ell of skarlet ribens	3	0	0

CHARGE 1679-80.

Recepts of Exyse			
Mare fra Jo^{n} Downie for six firlotts malt	1	10	0
Mare fra Elspet Taes at her Session brew—2 bolls . .	2	0	0
Mare at her mariag 4 bolls of the qch she has payt . .	3	13	0
Mare fra Robert Burnet at his first bairnes baptism 3 bolls	3	0	0
Mare fra Wm Gray 2 bols at his sisters session, 1 at her mariag	3	0	0
Mar Alex^{r} Hat 1 boll at his son Peters baptizm and 10s for former	1	10	0
Mar Wm Gray in Abd 1 boll at his mariag	1	0	0
Mare Alex^{r} Hill at his mariag 4 bolls ½ malt . . .	4	13	0

Discharge 1679-80.

December 2d be order of the bailies at the seiking out of militia men and grieing wt them gave them 4 pynts aill 1 pynt to ilk man	0	10	8
Mare of arles to Georg Donald to be militia man . .	0	12	0
Mare to the 4 Militiamen to turrefs randivow Jun. 1 1680 .	6	12	0
Mare gave them a 4 houres be order of the bailies to encourage them because their tym was run out . .	1	4	0
11 July 1680 spent wt Harie Elf [ingston] to be or freind concerning the militia[and excyse in Alexr Coupers .	1	10	0
Mare to Harie Elfingston for his favors	29	0	0
To Robert Lesle glassin wright conform to his discharg for a glass window and a weir window to the scooll chalmer in the counsell house the old window being blown out	5	8	0
Mare for ane new drume to the toune 8s. ster. is . .	4	16	0
Mare at the seiking out and buying of hir 4 p. aill is . .	0	10	0

Discharge 1682-83.

Mare spent wt dein of guild of Abd. deceber '82 or bailies haveing caused John Smiths guids be releived from the Dein of guild at severall meitings	2	0	0
Mare 21 Apr. '83 at the making of Capt. Lyon and the Shereff clerk of Farfar burges and fyve vthers in Allexr Coupers house spent	5	5	6
Item for parchement and ribands to ther acts . . .	2	16	0

Discharge 1683-84.

Aprill 22 1684 for a sute of clothes to the drumer and all furnishing and making	10	3	6
19 Octor spent in Alexr Coupers when the laird of Pitcurr and vthers was made burges for wyn aill tobaco and pypes	7	10	6
Mare given out for 12 horss to bring home the minrs plenishing	24	0	0
Item at the King's proclamaone 16 Febr '85 five gallon aill	4	0	0

Mare a barrell burned be the scollers	1	4	0
Mare 3 dossone glass at 4s. the peice	7	4	0
Mare the sd. day for 10 pynts of wyne at 18s. the pynt .	9	0	0
Mare the sd. day for fyftein load of peits to a fire . .	1	14	0
Mare for 7 load of peits to be a fire q^{n} Argile was tein and 12 penies to Ja: Willsone for puting on the fire . .	0	15	0
Mare to James Duncan for laying the floor of the scooll and clayeing the walls	0	12	0
Mare for peitts to a fire vpon the day of Agust 1685 being a thanksgiving for a victorie over the kings enimes	1	4	0
14 Octo^{r} 1685 for 8 pynts wyn to the cross	6	8	0
Item for 2 dosson glasses the s^{d} day being the kings birth .	4	16	0
Item for peits to a fire at the cross the sd. day . . .	1	10	0
Item to Alex^{r} Crystall for a staff to the coulers . . .	0	6	0

Discharge 1685-86.

Item to Allex^{r} Couper Master of the Musik skool his salurie for mertamis 1685	10	0	0
Item at the Bishops Christmes Court	0	12	0
Item to Allex^{r} Christal for mending of the stoks and lock .	0	14	0
Item for dressing of the Cross w^{t} thre loads of pinnings and of careing three stones to hew, to be steps and three tubfuls of lime	0	17	6
Item for gairding of the Market and eal in the Counsel-house one the Market day	3	12	0
Item spent w^{t} the Magistrats and Dean of Gild of Abd. at the sd. Market and Captain Collison for composing of a pley betuixt some of the inhabitants and his souldiers in John Pedders house	6	6	4

Discharge 1687-88.

Item for a pairt of a coffin to on that wes found dead in the sands	1	2	0
June—At the solemnizing of the Prince birth for wyne and glasses and ane bonfire	8	14	0

Item spent at the sichting of the moss, in Dubfuird and for horse hyre to Baillie Gordone and the toune clerk and instrument money and in the returne home . .	3	10	0
Item givin to the meassons at the building of the east gavill of the Cathedrall church	3	10	0
Item given to the guard be Baillie Frasers order the night that Harthill molested the guard and in the morning befoire they went to Abd. nyn pynts aill is . . .	1	7	0
Item to Com^r^ Scougall for raising lers. off law burrows and molestation at the toune's instance against Hiltoune's tennents and for his advice and paines being imployed as advocat for the toun in any affairs they may be concerned in at the south	14	10	0

DISCHARGE 1689-90.

Item for ane branks to the cross	1	4	0
Item for fixing the same to the cross to Da: Murray . .	0	6	0
For coall and candle for the guard	1	1	0
For baggade horss to Inverurie	1	8	0
Item to Patrick Fraser customer for making intimation of luke's fair 1690 to hold at Old Abd. w^t^in a fourtnight efter the ordinarie tyme The samen being continowed be reason of ill weather and great raines inde . .	3	0	0

CHARGE 1691-93.

Item receavit from David Main for the customes of St. Luks fair 1692 and Pasch mercat 1693 and Whit sonday therefter	133	6	8
Item for the Lochmaill cropt 1690 from Pat. Kilgour .	30	0	0
Item from John Johnston for the counsell house chop .	3	10	0

DISCHARGE 1691-93.

Imprimis payit for coall and candle to the guard fra April 1691 to 27 Decr the said year when Colonell Buchans Battalion went north (the tounes guard being included)	39	14	4
Item to Alex^r^ Cristall for divvitting the schoolls p recept .	2	7	0

Item spent in Wm Orems at severall occasions fra the 7th September 1691 to 13 May 1692 years. The Baillies and many of the Council being present consulting anent the toune's affairs	10	10	0
Item to James Touch for going to Forfar wt ane express to Mr Robert Gelles	2	0	0
Item spent at the tryall of Mr William Cuming in vocal and instrumental musick including 14s gevin to James Duncan	6	11	0
Item to James Beverlay and other workmen that ther with him building ane bridge at the broomhill and repairing the other bridge at the Locheye	6	1	0
Item 30 May 1692 when the newes came of the defeat of the french fleett for ane bonfire at the cross for peatts coalls firr and ane tarr barrell	1	9	0
Item for drink to the officers and for ringing the bells .	0	13	6
Item 19th of Decr spent at making the billetts for the dragouns and ordoring ther localitie . . .	0	18	0

Discharge 1695-97.

Item given to the officers for bringing the Lady Arnadge peck to be measured with the touns peck ane pynt of aill is	0	3	0
Item for confections at visiting the Schooll . . .	1	0	0
Item spent at the samen tyme in Baillie Knight's house with the bailleis and Mr Wm Cuming schoollmaster .	1	2	0
Item spent with the bailleis and clerk at the meitting to advertise the toun to be in armes	0	8	0
Item payit for sex gunstons	0	2	0
Item spent with the guard at luks fair 1696 . . .	3	16	8
Item given to the officers at the sd. mercat . . .	0	18	0
Item payed to James Thomson for Tokens to the poor of the toun	3	0	0
Item given to William Scott for learning the drumer .	0	10	4
Item to John Sangster bookbinder for ane new book to the clerk	2	12	0

Item of money spent in Duncan Cassies at giving Mr Dalgleish his welcom to the toun	5	0	0
Item to James Touch and his wyff for the foundling chyld and mantinance theroff	1	9	0

DISCHARGE 1697-99.

It. spent in my hous with the Bailies and som of the Counsell at intertening of som gentelmen to be burgers	1	16	0
Given be Bailie Freasers desire to ane broken gentleman John Fraiser	1	9	0
It. payet to Wm Walker drumer be the Counsells desire for makeing up the drum	2	14	0
It. to Kenath Fraiser and his men for makeing ane bridge upon the South west Coledge wynd	0	16	8
It. to the ofeshers and drumer for puteing in prison Isobel Birnie and hir sister and for puteing them out of toun with touck of drum	0	8	4
It. payet to Wm Tailzior on Mr Allexr Smith his accompt for expenses and pains in procureing ane libertie to the oldton to choys ther bailies	71	4	0
It. to John Archie for naileing and burneing of Duff . .	0	3	6
It. to the ofshers for takeing from out of the Spithill ane quearn mill 3 pynts eall	0	12	0

DISCHARGE 1699-1700.

It. for six lods of clay to mend the midle wall twixt the School and the meall house and helping the clarks chalmer	0	4	0
It. be the Ballies disyre given Mr Andero Abd. for pairt of payment of baggage horse for bringing the Minister plenichen	3	4	0
It. att meeting wt My lord Marshall in the counsell house spent for candle and to the officers	0	5	4
It. for ane skine of partchment	0	15	0
It. for six quarters of cetine ribbans	1	8	6

It. payt to Mr John Robertson Maister of church work old Machar ane hundreth merks per recept	66	13	4
It. for meal to ane north contraman he being prisoner for stealing of ane silver speen	0	3	0
Item rests to bailie Knight for enterteanment to my Lord Marishall and his folowers when they made burgrs .	11	2	0
Item rests to bailie Baxter for wine at severall tyms with Mr William Black advocat and the bailies anent the tounes affairs	5	7	8

CHARGE 1700-1.

Receved from Selbie, gardener in Abd. for cursing	1	0	0
Receved from William Wilson yor for ane fyne for stealling of David Grigorys malt	12	5	6
Receved from Geo. Stiven servt to Wm Hatt for cursing .	1	0	0
Receved from Ro Drum ane fyne for monopolizing the moss	4	0	0
Receved from Alexr Anderson wever ane fyne for selling peits out of the comon moss	1	0	0
Receved from William Jeans ane fyne for striking Robert Eill	7	0	0

DISCHARGE 1700-1.

Spent the day of the election in the old thesrs house . .	2	19	2
In Bailie Baxters wt the provost and dean of guild of Abd. the day of St. Lukes mercat	4	18	6
Spent anent the fyning of Geo. Smith and efter his breaking of prison efter incarceratione and for persuing him therfor	0	19	6
Payed to Patrick Fraser for the rig of land bought by the toun from him	200	0	0
Payed for binding and dressing the touns Registers . .	1	5	0
Spent in meeting wt the bailies and others about the inhabitants who wer at the Rable betuixt the Colledges and in sumonding them befor the toun court and in meeting wt the shyrreff in John Burnets house and in protesting agt him and wt the clerk in geting ane double of the process led agt them	3	6	8

Payed for the touns stamp and of expenss in causing make it	3	6	0
Payed for ane bell to the Counsell table and expenss q^{n} I ingaied w^{t} James Thomsone for making the same	1	10	6
Spent when I went w^{t} sea^{ll} people ordained to visite the comon moss and hill	3	4	6

DISCHARGE 1701-3.

Pd. to Gilbert Anderson for ringing the Kyrk bells on sea^{ll} occasions q^{ch} wes owing him I being ordered be the Counsell	4	1	0
Payed to some men for guarding the steeple of the kirk anc whole night q^{n} Geo: and Wm Barrons were prisoners and for ale to them in the morning	1	8	0
Spent the bailies and others having met in B. Knights in ordor to advise the writing ane ans^{r} to the K. advocats anent Mr Calder his preaching in this toun and for postage of ane le^{r}	1	3	6
To the officers in calling the Counsell extraordinary for quallyfying themselves to Queen Ann and in meeting theranent	0	10	0
6 Feb: being the Queen's birth day for ringing the church bells and candles to illuminat the Counsell hous and tolbooth windows and otherwayes	2	10	8

DISCHARGE 1703-5.

The Compter dischargeth himselfe w^{t} 712. 3. 6. as the balance of the new work [Town House] accompts due him	712	3	6
Given ane mendicant in the king's evill by B. Gordons ordor	0	14	6
Pd. Geo: Crystall the ballance of his acompt for the new work	13	5	4

DISCHARGE 1706-7.

To the officer for ringing the bell at B. Ro^{t}sons buirriall .	0	3	0
Payed for a brod of the touns steavits and coloring it . .	0	10	6

DISCHARGE 1707-10.

Payed to the officers for candles to the Guard that stood in defence of the french floot for beating them of our Cost	0	1	4
I did give Andrew Smith at receiving his fine 2s. to buy a mutchen ail now and then	0	2	0
Payed to Wiliam Smith y^r for a pair of jeugs made be Bailie Frasers order	0	14	0
Payed to William Jeans for eight fathom of tows to the great broad in the Mealhouse and for six pynts of Bear spent be Conv^r Duguid and others when they were in defence of the French Fleet from Landing at Donn mouth	2	2	0

DISCHARGE 1712-18.

Payed James Dugvid for bringing a Centrie box from Coll. Middletons gate October 1715	0	4	0
Payed Thomas Tilling for 8 load of clay from fountainbaw 15 October 1715	0	8	0
Given to James Duncan D^r of the Musick School in Charity Jan^ry 1716	1	0	0
Payed to John Lovie for mending the towns colours Feb^ry 1716	0	10	0
Spent in B. Troups at severall times at the time of the armies coming North in p^nce of Coll. Middleton and severall officers at first drawing of the billets for the Dutch Regiments and gray and black horses Laird of Lesly Mr Geo: Gordon and Reniston being severall times	12	12	0
Payed for 16 horse a day leading stons from Huntlys dyke to the channell April 1716	2	13	4

DISCHARGE 1719-20.

To Will: Beaverly for takeing doun the pend of a vault at the entry of the Town road to Don June 3 1720 . .	9	3	0
Advanced John Mouat blacksmith for the cloak put up in the Tolbooth	37	14	0
Advanced Charles Whyte for painting the dyal . . .	3	12	0

DISCHARGE 1720-21.

To And Grig ringing the Town bell on days of solemnity p. list	1	10	0
Spent at takeing out the Town papers out of the old and classing them in the new charter chist	0	10	0
Pd. Mrs Thomson for the whole intertainment at the Cross and in the Clerks house on the Kings birthday	20	1	0
Pd. the makeing of two Stamps for the Stokings	9	12	0

DISCHARGE 1721-22.

To Mrs Thomson at meetings wt the Magistrats and Comandant for ordering soulders quarters and at meetings for componing of fynes ordering towns papers and satleing a guard for Pasch Mercat and satleing a mobb betwixt the students and soulders	12	10	6
To William Beaverlie for 4 ells and 3 quarters of cloth to be a coat for the Drumer	9	10	0
To James Turreff for 3¼ ells of sairge to be lyning	2	2	0
To Allexr Lumsden for deying the same	1	4	0
To Allexr Westland for ¼ yeard of blew cloth three doz of matle buttens, buckrom wade silk and other furnitor for the sd. coat	4	4	0
To Androw Simpson for makeing the sd. coat	1	10	0
To James Nicoll for inserting in his almanack the Towns two mercats for ten or eleven years bygon	6	0	0

DISCHARGE 1725-26.

Payed James Faans for cleansing and bringing in the channel from Hospitall to Kettlehills at sevrall tymes and for cleansing the caunaal at the old town end, being 6 dayes work	2	0	0
Spent wt the Magistrates at makeing the officers of Stairs troup Burgesses	5	13	0
Payed Andrew Smith for mending the lock of the Lymhouse door when Ann Kilgour was incarcerat and mending the lock of the Thevs Hole dore broke by the vagrands	0	14	0
Payed for ane empty Kinken to the Hole	0	5	0

CHARGE 1728-29.

Patrick Duff of Premna his bill for that pairt of the Tounes Loch sold to Collinel Midltoun payable at Marteimas nixt wt half ane years annval rent included in the bill	565	16	0

DISCHARGE 1728-29.

Payed Poor objects of the touns inhabtins in ther great nessity per order of the Magstrats	21	4	0
Payed John Mouat for keeping the Touns cloack . .	6	0	0

DISCHARGE 1731-32.

Given to another indigent pr order who was among the Turks	0	18	0
Pd. Andrew Haddon for buying meall to the Thieves for eight days and 3 candle	1	5	6
Spent in the Clerks about billeting the souldiers the day the Commissioner of the Sh. was chosen . . .	1	4	0
Pd. Wm Tilling for the Road to the Tyle burn . . .	2	10	0

DISCHARGE 1732-33.

Payd James Walker blacksmith for making a chain to the stocks wt 2 lb. lead to same and cutting a stone in the wall	1	5	0
Payd Walker for a pair of shekles to Ja. Thomson prisoner	0	18	0
Spent in the coffie house imploying lawyers p order of Councill to defend a process raised agt the inhabitants before the Justices of the peace	0	19	6
Spent in Abd. wt the Clerk anent sd. affair . . .	1	4	0
To cash given Kadie boys on sd affair	0	9	0

DISCHARGE 1736-37.

To the officers for their trouble with the students and apprentices	0	12	0
To the Drumer for 3 advertizments anent the customes, one anent receipting soldiers &c, one about a dead child, one to Flit, and one for a fast day . .	2	2	0

Discharge 1740-41.

To peats for the bonfire on the Kings birthday . . .	1	4	0
To cleaning of the halberts on ditto day	0	4	0
To the Musitions on ditto day	2	2	0
To two pounds of almonds and four of reasons . . .	2	0	0
To three dozen of pypes and on pound of tobacco . .	1	5	0
To Dean of Guild Mitchell and Baillie Fordyce for wine .	36	18	0
To Alex^{r} Reith for hanging the Magistrats loft at the death of the civilist	1	7	0
To Robert Cruckshank for ringing the bell wpon accompt of the forts of Carthagena being taken . . .	0	6	0

Discharge 1741-42.

To Baillie Molyson for the loss that was upon the meall bought for the use of the inhabatance of old Aberd^{n} in the year 1741	155	6	0
Spent with the Surver of the stockings at Skure Thursdays fair in a court holden anent unsoficent stockings . .	1	4	6
To 11 Bottles of claret drunk in the College when the good news was received of an intire reconcillation betwixt his Majesty and the prince of Wales and that his grace the duke of Argyle was restored to his former places	9	18	0

Discharge 1744-46.

To James Crichton as the demand of Lewis Gordon Esqr commonly called Lord Lewis Gordon pretended Lord Lieutenant of the County of Aberd^{n} in name of levy money for the Militia Old Abd^{n}	360	0	0
Spent borrowing the above three hundred and sixty pounds	0	13	6
To candle for the Councill house when the Inhabitance was acquanted by the Magistrats of the demand mead by Lewis Gordon Esqr	0	6	0
To peats for the bonfire at the Cross one the Duke of Cumberlands birthday	1	4	0

To Alex^{r} Moir for hinging the breast of the Magistrats loft at Principal Chalmers death	1	4	0
Spent with James Crichton of Auchengoul at two seall. times communing for a delay of the Levy money imposed one Old Aberdeen by the Rebels . . .	3	13	6
To Winshester one of the Rebel serj^{ts} for a extract of Lues Gordons Esqr demand for the levy mony . . .	0	12	0

REGISTER OF MERCHANT & TRADE BURGESSES.

1605. William Strathauchin, tailzeor; Williame Kelman; Thomas Robertsone; Robert Hude; John Hervie; Walter Andersoun; Ar. Gibson.

1610. Jan. 31. Nicolas Innes.

1611. Apr. 15. William Nicol, vobster; Jon Reid; Jon Stewinsone; Jon Micheall;[1] George Chalmer; Alex^{r} Foulle; Wm Gibon alias Malkin; Jon Aroyll; Wm Andersone; Jon Norwall; Wm Ranay; Wm Andersone; Wm Burnet; George Patersone; Robert Nicoll; Alex^{r} Hervy; Andrew Forbes; James Crukshank; Alex^{r} Donaldsone; James Reny; Jon Andersone; Robert George; Henry Gray; Alex^{r} Wylie; Alex^{r} Martene; Robert Robertsone; Jon Touche; Jon Ray; James Symer; David Brane; Archabald Rait; Mr Wm Chessor; James Wylie.

1617. Dec. 22. William Sandisone, tailzeor; James Gordoun, cordoner; Robert Orum; Hendrie Gray; George Wolum; Walter Cruikshank; Jhone Deir; Androw Mathowsone; Jhone Rollie; Jhone Smyth; James and Wm Wyleis; Patrik Dauidsone; Dauid Torrie; Gilbert Syme; Merioun Walter and hir spous; Henry Logy and his wyff; Alex^{r} Gibsone; Androw Young, wobster; Isobell Robertsone; Marioune Mathowsone; Margaret Thomsone; Robt Thomson;[2] Robert Duncon; the cruikit talzeor; Georg Schoirswood; Robert Proctor; Alex^{r} Wreicht.

1620. Oct. 8. Thomas Dolace, wobster.

1634. Andrew Cowtis, hammerman.

[1] Six shillings of his composition payed for mending the cross.

[2] Composition paid to the pyper for the bulwark.

1640. June 30. Meriorie Carll, frewoman, "to use the tred of huxter".

Nov. 2. Robert Jak; Issobell Duncane; Williame Maissone; Williame Drum; Lowrence Gray; George Gordoun; Patrick Moir; Williame Cumingis; Williame Knowis; Andrewe Nicoll; Merioun Nisbet; Elspet Law and Robert Smyth hir spous; Williame Beaverlay; Thomas Orum; Arche Dun; Williame Watsone.

1641. Apr. 12. James Barnet; Alexander Paip, tailzour.

Sept. 6. Alexander Mitchell; John Symer, wobster.

Dec. 1. William Gray, wricht in Hospitall; William Symesone, fermorer.

1642. Mar. 22. George Gareuache, freeman.

28. George Huchone, merchant.

Sept. 29. Thomas Wyllie, eldest son to John Wyllie, freeman.

Nov. 21. William Beattie, merchant.

1643. July 17. Johne Wricht, hammerman, eldest sone to Alexander Wricht, couper hemmerman.

Sept. 22. John Gray, laborer of the grund; Alexander Herwie, laborer of the grund; Williame Low, skiner; Androw Cargill, wobster; George Gibsone, wobster; Alexander Thomsone, wobster; Alexander Benet and Gilbert Forsyth, cordoneris; Androw Bartlet, fermorer.

1644. Nov. 26. Thomas Smairt.

1645. Nov. 18. James Low, Johne Huchok, Thomas Mitsheall, Alexander Walker, Johne Hervie, Johne Rob, Williame Thomsone.

1646. Jan. 2. Robert Mitsheall, George Donnald.

July 24. George Ramsay, James Harper.

1647. July 7. James Hervie, Williame Elleis, younger; George Donnald, David Urquhart, Nicoll Davie, Alexander Scroagie, Johne Gordoun, glisser, and Johne Couttis.

Sept. 11. Androwe Baverley, John Scives.

13. Patrik Gordoune, sone to wmquhill James Gordoun in Old Abd.

Sept. 25. John Murrey.

1648. Apr. 10. John Austeane, Alexander Airthe.

May 5. Androwe Pirie, at the Milne of Carnbarro, James Dollas, sone to Thomas Dollas, James Roger, William Broune.

1649. Mar. 12. Johne Moir, James Innes.

May 7. Patrik Donnaldsone, tailzeour.

29. George Allane, cordiner, and Williame Allane, his sone; John Moir, glover.

1652. Oct. 19. George Thome.

1653. July 16. Walter Gaill, tailzour; Thomas Webster, cordiner; James Sangster, couper; Robert Broune, glover; Williame Sangster, Alexander Gordoune, Androw Baird.

1654. Feb. 13. Williame Cruikschank.

1655. Jan. 6. Johne Murray, glover; Johne Andersone, glover; Alexander Gordone, vyver; Alexander Fyff, fermorer; Elspet Malice.

Nov. 3. John Leidgerwood, wright in Spittill.

Dec. 1. Alexander Merser, blacksmith; John Cruikschank, heill maker; John Milne, vyuer; Williame Gleny, laborer; Williame Marns, laborer; Williame Ramsay, flesher; Williame Hendersone, talzeor; Johne Cruikschank, heill maker; Alexander Merser; John Leith, couper.

1656. Apr. 5. John Miln, vyuer; William Sandisone, glover.

July 5. Alexander Irving, merchant; William Baxter, fermor; Alexander Straquhane, laborer; Andro Arthor, shoemaker; Johne Tod; David Davidsone, couper; Johne Leidgartwood, fremane.

Nov. 11. Williame Angus, sone to Thomas Angus, vyver; Williame Knollis, sone to Williame Knollis, elder; Alexander Schand, sone to Alexander Schand; James Line, sone to William Line; Williame Coutis,[1] sone to Coutis, wright.

1657. Jan. 3. George Kilgour, writter in Old Abd.

July 18. Patrik Cheyne, fermorer; Thomas Tilliery, tailzour; Williame Chrystie, tailzour; Robert Walker, weaver; Alexander Walker, weaver.

Aug. 29. Alexander Nicoll, shoomaker.

Oct. 8. Alexander Chrystell, servitor to John Coutis, dicon conveiner, "to gett his freidom act grattis, and that for his assisting and working at the new tolbuith or clerks chamber".

[1] A brother of John Coutts, deacon-conveener, and his composition to be paid in work at the cross or elsewhere.

1657. Nov. 25. George Langford, corporall in Captaine John Huttons company, *gratis*.

Dec. 15. Johne Smith, hammerman.

1658. Mar. 27. Elspet Ferrot, Marjorie Sclaitt.

June 5. James Allane, sone to George Allane.

Nov. 3. Alexander Massie, Williame Andersone, Johne Still.

1659. Feb. 5. Andro Sangster, shoomaker; Williame Nicoll, shoomaker.

Aug. 29. James Thomsone, wright, *gratis* "for the lowe and favor of ther pastor, Mr Alexander Scrogie";[1] Gilbert Gordone, taillzour.

Dec. 13. Gilbert Bannerman, cautioner John Hervie, vyver.

1660. Jan. 14. John Jaffray in Old Aberdeen; Robert Lov, sone to the deceist James Lov.

Oct. 22. George Drum, Robert Norvell and George Gray, Robert Irvin, sone to John Irvin, flesher.

1661. Nov. 11. William Symmer, frieman.

1662. Feb. 11. Marjorie Carll; George Garioch, admitted as an eldest son; John Arthour, tailzeor; Patrick Gibson, shoomaker; Alexander Walker, fermor.

June 3. James Fraser, wobster.

July 1. Robert Matters, shoomaker.

22. William Johnstone at the Bridg of Done; George Broun in Buckie.

Aug. 19. John Findlay, sclatter.

1663. Jan. 3. John Leith, baker—his entry not booked until this date although admitted in 1654.

July 4. Johne Fraser, vedsetter.

1662. Dec. 13. Androw Cassie off Quhytstryps.

1663. Jan. 3. Androw Forsuyth in Seatoun.

Mar. 13. Patrik Kilgour, hammerman; William Beverlay, younger, fermorar.

Apr. 14. Patrick Knight, shoomaker.

Sept. 16. Thomas Collie, vyver, sone to George Collie, vyver.

1664. Mar. 15. George Murray, within the paroche of Ravine.

25. Andro Walker, in Old Aberdeine.

[1] Cf. p. 97.

1664. May 10. James Crystie, in Lenmay; James Barcley; Patrik Stewart, "one of the officers of the said citie".

July 25. Patrik Cruikshank, couper.

Aug. 7. Patrik Setoune.

Sept. 8. James Hay, skinner; George Lovie, tailzeour.

Oct. 8. John Leask, eldest sone to John Leask, vover; Johne Laa, eldest sone to umquhill James Laa, vover: Thomas Adam, eldest sone to Thomas Adame, cordiner.

1665. June 15. William Burrie, schomaker; Johne Hervie, eldest sone to Alexander Hervie; Williame Nicoll, eldest sone to Johne Nicoll, fermorer; Williame Troup, vover.

July 4. Gilbert Gray, merchand.

Sept. 26. James Nairne, skinner, sone to Androw Nairne.

Oct. 5. Johne Johnstoune elder, in Old Aberdeine; Thomas Andersone, cordiner, sone to James Andersone, cordiner.

24. Williame Kilgour, sone to Kilgour, caut. Johne Kilgour.

1666. Jan. 22. Thomas Boyis, John Ros, Patrik Leslie, John Kenney, Alexander Lundie, burgesses of Aberdeine, *gratis*.

Feb. 5. John Chyine, brother to Patrik Chyine, in Old Abd.

Apr. 28. Arthour Craig in Sunnysyd; Adame Ademsone, sone-in-law to John Leask, vover.

May 15. Johne Forbes of Tilligrig, nowe in Old Abd.; Williame Littelljohne, servitour to my Lady Merscheall.

June 4. Thomas Casuell, servitor to the Countes off Merscheall.

July 4. Androw Gray, James Guthrie, flesher.

1668. Mar. 7. Thomas Cruikshank in Abd., flesher.

14. Jon Arbuthnet, tailzeour.

21. William Milne, flesher; Alexander Sym, capper.

May 2. George Mill, servitor to the Countes of Marshall.

June 27. Wm Shirref, glover.

July 11. George Williamsone, merchant.

Oct. 3. Jon Oldman, merchant, caut. James Andersone, cordiner, his father-in-law.

1669. Apr. 7. William Gray, at the Bridge of Don; Alex^r^ Lawsone, servand to James Symsone, glover, deacon of the hamermen.

May 10. Robert Hendrie, weaver.

1669. June 3. Gavin Chisnie.

1670. Jan. 8. William Volum, weaver; Jon Rob, tailzeour; Jon Moir, tailzeour; Jon Grig, weaver.

Aug. 6. Alex^{r} Leslie, tailzeour.

Oct. 15. James Straq^{n}, cordiner, eldest sone to vmq^{ll} Straq^{n}, cordiner; George Hunter, baxter, a freemans eldest son; Alex^{r} Spark, weaver; Androw Adam, second lau^{ll} sone to Hendrie Adam, cordiner.

Nov. 26. Alex^{r} Hatt, maltman; Patrick Walker.

1671. July 8. William Milne, servitour to Alex^{r} Irvine, bookbinder, and prentice to him; Hendrie Fyff, eldest sone to Alex^{r} Fyff, fermorer.

24. James Couts, wright; William Hall, weaver; James Wilsone.

Aug. 14. Alex^{r} Pottie, baxter.

Sept. 4. Johne Tailzeour, tailzeour; Andrew Craigheid, tailzeour; David Douniesone, weaver.

Dec. 6. Jon Bisset, shoemacker.

1672. Apr. 6. James Gibsone, weaver, a freemans eldest son.

May 1. Jon Stewart, merchand in Torrie.

Aug. 17. George Ronnaid, merchand in Cruden.

24. Androw Massie, merchand in Drumnagair of Kinmundy.

Sept. 10. Johne Couper, merchand in the Spittall; Gilbert Andersone, merchand at Powiesburne.

17. Androw Robertsone, merchand in Balhelvie; James Johnstone, merchand in Balhelvie; Alex^{r} Symsone, merchand in Balhelvie.

Oct. 1. Robert Milne, merchand burges of Inverrurie.

26. Pat: Andersone, servitour to Johne Leisk, younger, weaver; Thomas Rhind, prenteise to George Lovie, tailzeour.

1673. Jan. 7. Patrick Hay, advocat.

May 17. William Milier, a freemans eldest sone; Donald Ros, weaver.

24. William Andersone, flescher, a freemans eldest sone; Jon Ritchie, wright, as mareing one freemans onlie daughter.

Aug. 4. Elspet Symsone, relick of the deceissit Androw Gregory in Abd.

1673. Nov. 8. Johne Smith, merchand in the parochin of Upper Machar.

27. John Pedder, comisser clerk deput of Abd.

1674. Feb. 7. Johne Gray, prenteise to the deceissit Johne Leitch, baxter; Patrick Innes, laufull sone to William Innes in the Spittall.

19. Jon Crevey, weaver in the Spittall, brother to the minister of Newhills.

23. Allex[r] Robertsone, weaver in the Colledge bounds.

Mar. 21. Robert Stevin in Craigie of Balhelvie.

Apr. 30. Johne Duncan, chapman in the paroshin of Ellon.

Sept. 5. George Allan, elder, shoemacker in the Spitall, ane freemans eldest son; Andro Watson, eldest sone to the deceissit William Watsone, cordiner.

Oct. 10. James Sheipherd, merchand.

1675. Nov. 15. William Wobster, yo[r], weaver, a freeman's eldest son; Thomas Arbuthnet, tailzeour in the Seattoune.

1676. June 12. Alex[r] Mathewsone, fermorer.

17. Jon Craib, fermorer.

July 8. Robert Milne, bookbinder.

Aug. 23. David Murray, merchand in the paroshin of Fetterresso; Thomas Donaldson, merchand in the paroshin of Fetterresso; Robert Watt, merchand in the paroshine of Aberbuthnet, alias Marie Kirk.

Aug. 26. George Forsyth, eldest laufull sone to Gilbert Forsyth, cordiner; William Airth, eldest sone to the deceissit William Airth, cordiner; William Innes, eldest sone to James Innes, cordiner.

1677. Mar. 5. [1] Patrick Rankin, sone to John Rankin, glover, *gratis*.

June 9. Margrat Petcairne, spous to David Tulloch, merchand burges of Dundie.

11. George Buchan, serjand in the earle of Linlithgow his regiment; Johne Gordone, serjand in the earle of Linlithgow his regiment.

Aug. 11. Allex[r] Fraser, eldest sone to Johne Fraser, heretor in Old

[1] Patrick Rankin was on the same date admitted to the office of town's drummer. iv. 112.

Abd.; William Hamiltoune; James Fiddes, merchand; John Birnie, maltman.

1677. Oct. 13. Robert Nilsone, fermorer; George Machattie, tailzeour.

27. Gilbert Broune, fermorer; John Nutkoll, fermorer; Allexander Chrystie, fermorer.

Dec. 11. David Murray, meassone.

15. Duncan Cassie, merchand in the paroshin of Balhelvie; George Tailzeour, merchand in the paroshin of Balhelvie.

1678. Mar. 9. James Mathewsone, fermorer.

June 1. John Lawrensone, chapman in the parosh of Logie Buchan.

15. William Orem, laufull and onlie sone to Thomas Orem, cordiner; Allex^r Couper, maister of the musick schooll, eldest sone to John Couper, elder burges.

July 22. Allex^r Lyntoune, eldest sone to the deceissed Patrick Lyntoune, sumtyme at the Bridge of Don and burges of this citie.

Aug. 3. Androw Robertsone, wright, married only daughter of a burges; Thomas Mowat, tailzeor, married only daughter of a burges; Patrick Fraser, servitor to John Fraser, janitor in the Kings Colledge; John Downie, flesher.

1679. Jan. 25. Robert Burnet, merchand.

Apr. 5. Allex^r Stewart, chapman in the paroshe of Glas.

19. Johne Duncan, chapman in Davieshill in the paroshin of Foveraine.

Aug. 11. James Knight, onlie sone to Arthur Knight, cordiner.

16. Alexander Pyott, chapman and residenter in the Spittall bounds.

Oct. 30. James Hendrie, smith; John Leitch, baxter, eldest son of a burgess; William Forbes, tailzeor; William Andersone, yor, weaver, eldest son of a burgess; Allex^r Grig, weaver; William Gordon, tailzeor; James M^ckcasland, tailzeor; Robert Sinclair, tailzeor.

Nov. 24. Francis Irwine, flescher in the Seattoune; Patrick Thomsone, flescher at the Bridge of Don.

1679. Nov. 29. William Moir, smith, eldest son of a burgess; William Strachan, cordiner in the Spittall.

Dec. 13. James Aleis, eldest sone to William Aleis, weaver in the Colledge bounds, burges.

1680. Mar. 15. William Hendersone, merchand; George Cuming, chapman in the paroche of New Machar.

Apr. 9. Allex[r] Roust, onlie sone to the deceissed George Roust, flescher.

May 29. William Buchan, chapman in the paroche of Crouden; William Lyell, chapman in the paroche of Foveraine.

Sept. 14. John Jameson, maltman; John Arthur, tailzeor, a freemans only son.

Oct. 30. Androw Moir, chapman in the paroche of Upper Machar.

1681. Mar. 22. William Chalmer, meassone in the Colledge bounds; George Breck, tailzeour; Johne Watsone, tailzeor.

May 14. Allex[r] Ydle, cordiner in Abd. and pnt. deacan conveiner of the trades of the sd. brugh, *gratis*; Allex[r] Andersone, weaver in the Colledge bounds; James Lillie, tailzeour in the Colledge bounds; George Porter, tailzeour in the Colledge bounds.

June 15. James Strachan, laitlie in the paroche of Banchorie, now residenter in Old Abd.; William Hunter, merchand.

July 4. John Algeo, merchand; Patrick Walace, fermorer; Thomas Hardie, chapman in the paroche of New Deir.

Aug. 8. Hew Kinkid, joyner, *gratis*.

Sept. 17. William Baxter, advocat; John Smith, smith in Seattoune; John Ross, servitour to my lo. Bp. of Abd. *gratis*.

20. John Black, merchand; Alexander Hill, cordiner.

Oct. 22. John Farquhar, tailzeour; William Watt, coich maker.

Dec. 7. John Duff, cordiner in the Kings Colledge bounds; John Fergusone, flescher in the Kings Colledge bounds; George Barker, smith, eldest and onlie sone to the deceist George Barker, smith and burges; George Symer, wyver, eldest and onlie sone to the deceissed William Symer, weaver; William Black, weaver at the Barkmilne, onlie sone to the deceissed John Black, weaver; Thomas Buchan, weaver in the Colledge bounds, eldest sone to the deceissed William Buchan, flescher.

1682. Mar. 11. George Robertsone, weaver in the Links or Spittall bounds, eldest sone to John Robertsone, weaver in the Spittall bounds, frieman.

Apr. 24. Androw Elsmlie, maltman; Thomas Mitchell, maltman.

Aug. 9. David Turreff, tailzor; Androw Jamesone, tailzor; George Cormack, shoemaker.

Dec. 14. David Greir, merchand; James Watt, coichmaker; John Milne, cordiner.

1683. Jan. 27. John Innes, chapman in the Spittall bounds; Androw Aden, weaver in the Spittall bounds; David MckConachie, weaver in the Spittall bounds, a freemans eldest son.

Apr. 28. Thomas Thomson, glover in the Kings Colledge bounds, lait deacon of the hamerman trade of Abd.; James Muriesone, merchand; John Mckdonald, confectioner.

July 14. Gilbert Ronaldsone, chapman in the Chanonrie.

21. Robert Cook, tailzeor; William Moir, tailzeor.

Nov. 3. Charles Merser, messinger in Old Abd., onlie sone to the deceissed Thomas Merser, sumtyme baillie; George Henderson, merch^{d}, burges of Abd.; John Peirie, couper; James Fettes, flescher and laxfischer.

Dec. 4. George Anderson, chapman in Strathloch in New Machar; William Blackhall, armorer, late prentice to Alex^{r} Patersone, armorer and suord slipper.

1684. Apr. 29. Alex^{r} Ross, subjanitor in the kings colledge; William Ritchie, weaver; Allex^{r} Ross, weaver, a freemans eldest and only son.

June 21. Allex^{r} Glas.

29. Thomas Moir, merchand; William Mitchell, maltman; Allexander Jaffray, barber.

Aug. 2. George Thomson, belman in Aberdeinc; William Wilson, maltman.

23. William Nuckoll, tailzeor.

Nov. 15. Androw Cassie, fermorer, eldest sone to the deceissed John Cassie, fermorer; John Bothwell, fermorer, *gratis* for good service; Johne Snell, fermorer, for good service.

Dec. 13. John Marnach, litster, eldest sone to the deceissed William Marnach, fermorer.

1685. Jan. 31. William Troup, tailzeor, lait servitor to John Watsone, tailzeor.

Apr. 7. David Nairne, in Cottoune, fermorer; Allex^r Nairne, his sone, fermorer.

May 30. Allex^r Clerk, in Auchmull, serjeant in captiane Harie Forbes of Boyndlie his companie in the earle of Erroll his regiment of foott; William Scott, mair deput in Old Abd.; Thomas Watsone, militia man; William Walker, militia man and drumer in Old Abd.

July 11. Thomas Kilgour, onlie sone to Patrick Kilgour, thesaurer; William Smith, eldest sone to John Smith, smith and maltman in the Seattoune; George Layng, æconomus in the kings colledge.

18. William Johnstone, eldest sone to William Johnstone, burges; John Knight, cordiner, married to a freemans only daughter; James Duguid, wright; Lues Leslie, cordiner, a freemans eldest son.

Sept. 23. Robert Clerk, chapman in the paroche of Balhelvie; Androw Dyce, chapman in the paroche of Balhelvie.

Oct. 24. John Wischart, chapman in the paroche of Balhelvie; James Cullen, cordiner in the king's colledge bounds.

1686. Jan. 16. Allex^r Litlejohne, glover in the king's colledge bounds; William Swaip, glover.

22. George Walker, wright in the king's colledge bounds; John Ross, weaver, onlie sone to Donald Ross, weaver and frieman.

Feb. 6. John Sangster, bookbinder in Old Abd., eldest sone to William Sangster, fermorer and burges; George Christall, wright, eldest sone to Allex^r Christall, wright and burges.

20. William Sangster in the Spittal bounds; James Paul in Old Abd.; John Cornelius, cordiner.

Mar. 8. James Baverlay, cordiner and meassone in Suniesyde, *gratis* in respect of "measson work wrought be him at the hie cross".

June 5. Androw Baxter, chapman in the Mearns; William Robertsone, chapman in the Mearns; James Broune, mer-

chand; George Thomsone in Fyntray, burges of Kintor; James Measson, maltman.

1686. June 20. James Turreff, tailzeour in Cottoune; James Milne, flescher, eldest sone to William Milne, flescher and frieman.

Sept. George Hector, weaver; William Abercrombie alias Crombie, fermorer.

Oct. 16. James Grahame, merchand; Allexander Smith, cordiner in the kings colledge bounds.

Dec. 23. James Touch, servitor to Maister James Scougall, provest.

1687. Jan. 15. Alexander Symsone, tailzeour in the Spittall bounds.

Feb. 5. Androw Coutts, wright, third sone to the deceissed John Coutes, wright and deacon conveiner; William Fergusone, hookmacker in the king's colledge bounds.

9. William Sangster in Dykenuik off Blairtoune, Balhelvie.

July 2. Allexander Grig, wright.

16. Johne Birkmyre, merchand in Glasgow.

23. Androw Abell, litster; James Robertsone, litster.

Oct. 17. Allex^r Forbes,[1] sumtyme of Easter Migvie, now in Old Abd.

20. Robert Forbes, sumtyme off Glencarvie, now in Old Abd.; Androw Grahame, chapman in Arbuthnet, caut. James Grahame, merchant and burges, his brother.

29. William Bartlet, in Arieburne; James Conquergood, gairder in the kings college; Androw Sim, wright.

Dec. 24. John Andersone, onlie sone to Thomas Andersone, cordiner; Allexander Brow, cordiner and laxfischer in hillhead of Seattoune.

1688. Mar. 31. James Brabmer, merchand, onlie sone to the deceissed John Brabmer.

June 30. Allex^r Gray, tailzeor, eldest sone to Androw Gray, couper, lait prenteise to Thomas Mowat, lait deacan of the tailzeor trade; George Robertsone, wright.

Sept. 1. George Aiken, chapman in the paroche of Foverane.

Nov. 24. Keneth Fraser, measson; George Aberdeine, fermorer.

[1] Forbes was chosen the same day captain of the town's guard for the markets.

1688. Dec. 22. Patrick Reid, merchand; William Smith, blacksmith, onlie sone to the deceissed Gilbert Smith, blacksmith.

28. William Chalmer, flescher in the Seattoune bounds; George Brow, flescher in the Seattoune bounds.

29. John Grig, merchant; David Duncan, merchant; Allex^r^ Troup, fermorer in the linx.

1689. Mar. 26. Maister Hew Tod, maister of the Grammar schooll, *gratis* "in respect he is one of the professors of King's colledge"; John Dey, subjanitor in the King's colledge, *gratis* "in respect he was a publict servant"; John Ritchie, servitor to Mr James Scowgall comiss^r^ of Abd.

Apr. 6. Robert Low, younger, armorer and sword slipper; William Collie, sone to Thomas Collie, mair deput and burges; Patrick Robertsone, servitor to William Mackie, janitor in the King's Colledge; Patrick Milne, chapman in the paroche of Ellon.

May 14. Allex^r^ Morreis, chapman in the paroche of Belhelvie.

June 17. John Forbes, letster; Robert Muiriesone, chapman in the Mearns.

Nov. 2. William Jeans, chapman, sone to the deceissed James Jeans, cordiner in Dilspro.

1690. Jan. 24. William Thomsone, chapman in the paroche of Peterculter.

Feb. 18. Allex^r^ Birnie, chapman; William Strachan, eldest sone to Allexander Strachan, fermorer.

Mar. 22. William Sangster, chapman in the paroche of Foverane.

Apr. 26. John Lawrensone, weaver at the bridge of don; James Dickie, tailzeour in the king's colledge bounds.

Nov. 8. John Gun, workman.

15. John Black, chapman in the king's colledge bounds.

1691. Feb. 14. Allexander Davidsone, chapman in the paroche of Auchterles; Patrick Ro^t^sone, chapman in the parish of Foveraine, *gratis* in respect of the good service of his brother Androw, treasurer; James Smith, sone to John Smith, smith in Seattoune.

May 7. John Barron, wakster at Keithaksmilne, married the only daughter of a freeman; James Hill, shoemacker, second sone to James Hill, shoemaker in the Spittall bounds.

1691. May 14. William Jameson, chapman, sone to Thomas Jameson in Dyce paroche; John Jafray, tailzeor, sone to John Jaffray, gardner; John Johnstone, tailzeor.

Sept. 3. Androw Smith, burges of Fraserburgh; William Gibsone, sone to Robert Gibsone in Murcur; William Swaip, servitor to Doctor Patrick Urquhart, Professor in the King's Colledge.

Dec. 10. James Martine.

31. John Smith, cobler.

1692. Jan. 7. John Kinaird, gairdner; Ro^t^ Walker, taileor.

Mar. 19. John Swinton in Pottertoun; John Annand in Davieshill, in the parioch of Foveran; George Pirie, chapman in the parioch of Belhelvie; George Wishart, chapman in the parioch of Belhelvie.

26. Patrick Skene, chapman in the parioch of Belhelvie; Alex^r^ Clark, chapman in the parioch of Belhelvie; Andro Milne, servitor to Duncan Cassie, pnt. thesaurer.

May 7. James Scott, perewigmaker.

28. John Bannerman, somtyme at Gordonsmilne.

June 21. John Chalmer, merchant.

July 2. John Marnoch, measson; Thomas Taileor, merchant.

9. John Lovie, taileor, a freemans eldest son.

30. John Wiliamsone in Dumbreck in the parisch of Vdny; Wiliam Taileor, maltman; John Smairt, horshyrer.

Oct. 22. James Gabriell, tailzeor.

Dec. 3. Androw Smith, merchant in Fraserburgh, now in Old Abd.

1693. Jan. 7. Thomas Wmphray, cordiner.

21. William Leivingstone, burges of Abd. *gratis;* James Allan, burges of Abd., a son of a freeman; George Gib, tailzeor.

Feb. 4. William Rowst, meassone; William Birnie, son to the deceissed Birnie, sumtyme at the Bridge of Don.

11. Androw Clerk, chapman in the paroch of Foverane; Androw Grig, chapman in the paroch of Balhelvie.

Mar. 4. William Cruikschank, onlie sone to the deceissed Thomas Cruikschank, flescher and burges.

1693. Apr. 15. Robert Skeyne in the paroche of Balhelvie, caut. Patrick Skeyne, merchant in the paroche of Balhelvie, and burges; George Courage in the paroche of Balhelvie.

May 13. John Aleis, weaver, second sone to William Aleis, weaver in the King's Colledge bounds; William Murray, chapman in Strathbogie.

Dec. 5. Thomas Cassie, sone to Androw Cassie, heretor in and burges off Old Abd.

1694. Jan. . William Edward, chapman in Letter of Skeene.

Feb. 27. William Shirres, yor, second sone to William Shirres, glover.

Mar. 17. James Moore, weaver in the King's Colledge bounds.

31. James Nicoll, wright, lait prenteise to James Duguid, wright; Androw Gray, younger, second sone to Androw Gray, couper.

June 16. George Cuming, eldest sone to the deceist George Cuming, blacksmith; William Leask, eldest sone to John Leask, wyver; John Barnet, wyver; Robert Thomsone, wyver in the Spithill; John Simpson, taylior; Alex^{r} Sangster, second sone to William Sangster, fermer; James Smith, servitor to James Knight, baylie; William Watt, cordiner; Antonie Lovlie.

Aug. 15. Alexander Watson, merchant burges of Getbrugh.

Oct. 20. Alexander Cheyne in Lonheid of Gilcomstone; James Millne, maltman; James Bartlet, sone to George Bartlet in Grandhom.

Dec. 22. Andro Chairles, wyver.

1695. Mar. 23. Allex^{r} Hervie,[1] weaver, second sone to the deceissed John Hervie, weaver; William Thomsone, second sone to Robert Thomsone, weaver in Spittal; George Aden, second sone to Androw Aden, weaver; John Elmslie, weaver in the colledge bounds; James Skeene, sone to John Skeene in Frosterhill.

30. James Thomsone, merchant, *gratis;* William Thomsone, merchant, *gratis.*

[1] Admitted in lieu of his elder brother "now a long tyme furth of this pairt of the kingdom without any hearing of him".

1695. Apr. 20. Androw Cuming, cordiner; William Rob, weaver in the colledge bounds.

1696. Feb. 8. John Fergusone, wright, sumtyme in the paroche of Chappell of Gareoch, now in Old Abd.

Apr. 11. Androw Swyntoune, eldest sone to Johne Swyntoune in Pottertoune, Balhelvie.

Oct. 17. Stephen Agate, frenchman, jeweller and goldsmith; Caiptaine Daniell Newhous, frenchman, professor of the airt of Navigatione in new Abd., *gratis*.

1697. Feb. 20. Robert Ros, saidler; Robert Davidson, merchant; David Nuckoll, maltman; John Gray, armorer; George Hatt.

Mar. 16. Maister John Robertsone, eldest sone to the deceist William Robertsone, sumtyme of Auchorthies, burgess; Maister William Smith, eldest sone to the deceist William Smith, burges; Maister William Chrystie, maister of the musick schooll, eldest sone to the deceist James Chrystie, merchant burges.

July 10. John Hay, janitor of the king's colledge, *gratis*.

17. William Hatt, sone of the deceist Alexander Hatt, maltman.

24. Alex^r Anderson, vyver, eldest sone to John Anderson, flesher, now in the hospitall.

Aug. 21. Thomas Forsyth, vyver, sone to Thomas Forsyth, vyver in Seatton; Patrick M^ckonachy, eldest sone to the deceist David M^ckonnachie, vyver in the Colledge bounds.

Oct. 9. John Cruickshank, second sone to George Cruickshank, laitt thesaurer; Robert Shand, tounes officer.

Nov. 27. Robert Cruickshank, goldsmith; John Bodvell, fermorer.

1698. Jan. 5. James Watsone, merchand; John Fyvie, merchand; Alexander Stiven, cordoner.

Aug. 6. Alex^r Midleton, gardner; Alex^r Jaffray, gardner; David Murray, younger; David Gregorie, maltman; William Wilson, yor, maltman.

Oct. 8. John Bannerman.

1699. Mar. 4. Alex^r Milne, maltman; James Massie, merchant.

1700. Mar. 2. George Walker, maltman at Litlemill; James Fiddes, son to James Fiddes, merchant; John Smith, you^r, son to

John Smith in Seaton; George M^c^kallan, servitor to Jannet Moir; Wm Forbes, onlie son to Wm Forbes, taylor; James Strachan, barbor; Wm Walker, servitor to the sd. George Walker; John Taylor, eldest son to umq^ll^ George Taylor in Seton.

1700. June 22. George Smith, heretor and ground labourer; John Tailzeour, flesher, eldest sone to the deceist John Tailzeour, tailzeour burges.

July 13. Robert Gill, maltman; James Buchan, baxter, married a freemans eldest daughter.

Aug. 10. James Fergusson, sone to John Fergusson, flesher in the Colledge bounds; William Chalmer, lau^ll^ sone to Wm Chalmer, flesher in Seaton.

Oct. 5. George Adam, onlie sone to the deceist Andro Adam, cordiner; John Gray, youngest sone to Andro Gray, elder, couper.

1701. Jan. 4. Pat. Aberdein, fermer; William Baverly, wright, son of a burgess; Thomas Swaipe, servant to George Aberdein, fermer.

Feb. 22. Jon Glas, glover in Colledge bounds.

Mar. 8. Charles Crawfoord, son to Wm Crawfoord in King's seat.

Apr. 29. Jon Still, fermer in Links.

June 28. William Hoome, gardner; Androw Massie, yor, brasier, sone to Andro Massie, elder; James Smith, sone to James Smith in Scotston.

July 5. James Gray, merchand in the parish of Vdny.

19. John Ritchie, eldest son to William Ritchie, vyver; Thomas Nicoll, eldest sone to John Nicoll, fermor.

Aug. 16. William Hervie, flesher in Seatton, a freemans son; Mathew Daniell, fermor.

Oct. 8. Albert Gellie, frensh founder, now in Old Aberdein.

1702. Jan. 24. William Martin in Old Aberdein; George Smith, servitor to John Cruickshank, cordiner.

Mar. 28. James Clark, chapman in Pottertoun; John Swaipe brother to William Swaipe, merchand.

May 2. Thomas Forsyth, elder, vyver in Seatton; Alexander Black, chapman in Tarves.

1702. May 30. William Thomson, sklater.

July 25. James Nicol, barber and perivigg maker; Robert Forbes, tailler; William Gillespie, vyver; James Lillie, yor, merchand, eldest sone to James Lillie, elder, taillor.

1703. Feb. 13. Thomas Arthor or Hector, milner at Gordonsmill; John Mitchell in Old Abd.

May 8. Alex^{r} Charles, vyver, caut. Andro Charles, vyver, his brother.

29. William Martin, chapman in Foveran; John Mackie, chapman in New Machar.

July 31. James Smith, sone to George Smith, fermor; Robert Wishart, maltster; George Forsyth, fermor.

Oct. 30. James Booth, cordoner at the Bridge of Done; William Strachan, chapman.

Dec. 18. Alexander Maitland, indweller in Old Abd.

1704. Feb. 12. Patrick Cruikshank, shoemaker, sone to George Cruikshank, laitt thes^{r}; Patrick Taillor, flesher at the Bridge of Don.

19. [1] Jon Sandison, measson, sone to vmq^{ll} James Sandison, glover; John Crombie, measson.

July 1. Alex^{r} Linton, eldest son to vmq^{ll} Alex^{r} Linton, wright; William Sandison, glover, sone to the deceist James Sandison, skinner; John Strachan, baxter.

Aug. 5. Mr Patrick Walker, merchand, eldest sone to the deceist Mr Patrick Walker of Torrieleith, burges; George Henderson, eldest son to vmq^{ll} Wm Hendersone, merchant burges; James Hatt, third sone to the deceist Alex^{r} Hatt, maltman.

Sept. 30. Hew Monro, gardner.

Nov. 11. Thomas Anderson, merchant.

1705. July 28. Forsyth.

Nov. 2. Duncan Ross, blacksmith.

Dec. 15. James Fettes, eldest sone to James Fettes, flesher; William Airth, eldest sone to the deceist William Airth, taillor.

[1] Admitted as an eldest son in respect his eldest brother James "is off the kingdome and not to returne to the same".

1706. July 24. William Anderson, barber, second sone to Alex^{r} Anderson, vyver.

27. William Taillor, merchand.

Sept. 14. John Dollas, cordoner in Eist Spittell bounds.

Nov. 23. James Chalmer, flesher in Scotston; William Chalmer, flesher at Silverburn; Alexander Measson, at the Bridge of Don.

26. Daniell Simson, tobaceo spinner.

1707. Apr. 5. Loduvick Taillor, cordoner in the Colledge bounds.

26. James Chalmer, eldest sone to the deceist John Chalmer.

Sept. 27. William Anderson, taillor; James Duncan, flesher.

1709.[1] Nov. 10. Alex^{r} Walker, maltman in Spitthill bounds; James Grigg, in Old Abd.; Wm Robertson, maltman.

12. George Dallas, cordiner in Colledge bounds, sone to John Dallas in Spitthill bounds; Thomas Bennett, cordiner in Spitthill bounds; John Strachan, cordiner in Spitthill bounds; James Gibb, cordiner in Spitthill bounds; John Watson, cordiner in Spitthill bounds; Alexander Nicoll, cordiner in Old Aberdein; James Johnston, shoemaker.

26. Nathan Crabtree, cloathier; John Mutch, blacksmith; George Blak, maltman.

Dec. 3. Alexander Gray, merchant; Heugh Moodie, taylior; William Anderson, gairdner, eldest son of a freeman.

10. Alexander Robertsone, taylior, eldest son of a freeman; John Mitchell, taylior, eldest son of a freeman; Alexander Brow, only son to George Brow, flesher at the Bridge of Done; Colen Ritchie, farmer; Alexander Fettes, son to James Fettes, flesher at the Bridge of Done.

13. David Baverlay, farmer; Thomas Tillieray, farmer.

1710. Jan. 14. Patrick Meldrum, couper.

Feb. 7. James Moreis, barbor and perivigmaker; George Jameson, fermor.

Feb. 14. Kenneth Malcomtosh, merchand.

18. Alexander Lumsden, woolcomber; Alexander Irving, vyver, a freemans eldest son; Duncan Cassie, tailler in Seatton, caut. Thomas Cassie.

[1] No courts were held from October, 1707, to October, 1709.

1710. Feb. 28. John Stewart, vyver, eldest sone to vmq^{ll} Alexander Stewart, mer^{d} in Old Abd.; John Anderson, only sone to John Anderson, cordoner; William Nivie, servant to Andro Thomson, tennant in Little Miln.

Mar. 28. Robert Dyce, third sone to Andro Dyce, present theasurer of Old Abd.; James Jeans, eldest sone to James Jeans, merchand; James Hill, eldest sone to vmq^{ll} Alexander Hill, cordoner; James Jeans, eldest sone to William Jeans, merchand.

May 27. John Bein, maltman.

June 24. Gilbert Crystell, maltman.

Aug. 26. James Gordon, indweller; Patrick Clow, shever.

Sept. 2. George Cook, eldest sone to Ro^{t} Cook, taylor.

16. Alex^{r} Lillie, taylor, caut. James Lillie, his father.

Oct. 7. Andrew Smith, blacksmith, caut. Wm Smith, yor, blacksmith.

16. Patrick Forbes, pewterer.

1711. Jan. 27. George Mackie, wright; William Innes, taylor.

Feb. 3. William Strachan, son to John Strachan, shoomaker in Spithill.

Mar. 10. George Maitland, chapman in the pariochin of Tarves.

May 12. Alex^{r} Taylor, mer^{t}.

Aug. 4. Alexander Joyner, tobacco spiner.

Sept. 15. Charles Strachan, tobacco spiner; John Briggs "ane young man indweller".[1]

22. George Cruickshank, younger, shoemaker, caut. George, elder; James Anderson, wright; Alex^{r} Williamsone, gardner.

Oct. 13. John Tilleray, messon; John Gibb, shoemaker in Spithill.

1712. Feb. 9. John Ro^{t}son, eldest son to Geo. Ro^{t}sone, weaver in Links; John Elles, eldest son to John Elles, weaver in Colledge bounds.

Mar. 5. Ro^{t} Chalmer, flesher in Dubfoord.

June 21. George Still, tayler; John Mackgie, shoomaker.

July 5. Ro^{t} Crystell, tayler, caut. George Crystell, wright.

[1] Under age and his cautioner gives an undertaking that how soon he shall "attaine to riper years that he should take the oath to the town and magistrats".

1712. Aug. 9.[1] John Gilly, gardener; William Innes, gardener.

1719. June 1.[2] John Robertson, baillie and eldest son to the deceast And^{r} Robertson, late Theasurer of Old Abd^{n}; George Gordon, merchant.

8. James Hay, merchant; John Fraser, merchant; John Logan, maltster; John Milne, maltster; George Fraser, maltster.

13. Alexander Sinclair, skinner; John Mowat, blacksmith; James Michie, wright; James Shirras, quioch maker; Francis Beans, maltster; James Beans, maltster; Patrick Christall, wright, son of a burgess.

20. Andrew Dallas, shoemaker; Andrew Paton, shoemaker; James Nicoll, shoemaker; James Anderson, shoemaker; Robert Mitchell, shoemaker; Alexander Duncan, shoemaker.

25. Robert Cruickshank, merchant and maltster.

27. George Henderson, weaver; Patrick Dunbar, weaver; George Hill, weaver; Francis Cumming, merchant and maltster.

July 4. Alexander Annand, merchant; James Turreff, merchant; James Dey, quachmaker; John Morsson, blacksmith; Andrew Reith, taylor; George Cuming, wright, eldest son to George Cuming, blacksmith; John Bothwell, weaver, eldest son to John Bothwell, farmer; George Smith, yor, shoemaker in Hardgate.

11. George Menzies, maltster and merchant.

18. Robert Wilson, maltster, eldest son to William Wilson, merchant and maltster; William Wilson, maltster; Charles Seton, merchant; Alex^{r} Dun, merchant; George Connon, maltster; William Laing, armorer; John Thomson, merchant; William Rainnie, weaver.

Aug. 1. Alexander Irving, janitor in the King's College, oldest son to umq^{ll} Alex^{r} Irvine, merchant and late thes^{r}; George Murray, peiriewigmaker and barber; Leuis Gordon, wright; Andrew Hadden, shoemaker in Spithill; George Moir, maltster.

[1] From October, 1712, to May, 1719, no minutes seem to have been kept.

[2] From this date the admissions are entered in a book kept specially for the purpose.

1719. Aug. 8. James Johnston, merchant, eldest son to the deceist James Johnston, merchant burges; James Lawson, maltster; James Panton, merchant.

22. John Knight, merchant, onlie surviving son to the deceist James Knight, late baillie; James Sharpe, barber and peiriewigmaker; Alexander Forrest, barber and peiriewigmaker; John Carngill, farmer.

Oct. 19. William King, blacksmith.

Nov. 14. Alexander Henderson, weaver; Alexander Hanes, weaver.

28. John Hay, farmer and hostler.

1720. Jan. 23. Andrew Thomson, eldest son to the deceist James Thomson, sometime baillie in Old Abd.; Alexander Thomson, youngest son to the deceist James Thomson, sometime baillie in Old Abd.; William Hatt, second son to Wm Hatt, maltster.

Mar. 19. Robert Joyner, taylor in Aberdein.

June 25. Hugh Speirs, gardener and merchant; George Crevie, weaver and merchant in Seaton, second son to John Crevie, merchant; John Martine, masson and brewer, son-in-law to Wm Anderson, weaver; John Milne, flesher; George Sangster, heretor and farmer; George Sumer, weaver, eldest son to George Summer, weaver.

July 2. John Smith, blacksmith in Spithill, eldest son to the deceast James Smith, burges, son to the deceast John Smith, blacksmith in Seaton; Alexander St Clair, taylior.

9. Wm Anderson, shoemaker.

Aug. 20. John Moodie, barber and peiriewig maker, eldest son of Hugh Moodie, taylior; Lachlan M^c^Bean, skinner.

Sept. 24. William Ross, weaver, eldest son to John Ross, weaver; Andrew Dallas, shoemaker; George Laurenceton, weaver, eldest son to wmq^ll^ John Laurenceton, burges.

Dec. 3. Patrick Kilgour, litster, dyster and dresser of cloath.

1721. Feb. 18. George Mackie, wright and late convener of the Trades; Robert Mitchell, shoemaker.

Mar. 4. James Watt, maltster at Kethocksmilne; Thomas Volum, eldest son to Wm Volum, weaver; James Robertson, weaver in Links; William Henderson, taylor.

1721. July 15. Alexander Davidson, couper.

Aug. 5. John Hird, weaver.

Oct. 21. James Smith, skinner, eldest son to Wm Smith, blacksmith; Hugh Ross, skinner.

29. Alex^{r} Birnie, eldest son to Alexander Birnie, merchant; James Gray, merchant; Robert Gill, flesher at Silverburn; John Jamieson, flesher at Silverburn.

Dec. 23. James Wishart, merchant and tobacco spinner.

1722. Jan. 12. Alexander Calder of Aswanlie, merchant and coppersmith; Andrew Hunter, baxter.

Mar. 3. Mathew Daniell, formerly farmer, now maltster; Colvill Ritchie, formerly farmer now maltster; John Leslie, weaver.

Apr. 16. George Milne, shoemaker; James Henderson, shoemaker.

Sept. 8. Alex^{r} Cooper, merchant, eldest son to the deceast John Cooper, sometime baillie; Robert Leitch, wright and couper; Alex^{r} Moir, taylior; George Broun, shoemaker.

Oct. 13. Alex^{r} Thomson, couper; William Philp, cairdmaker; Henry Webster, weaver; John Barnet, weaver, eldest son to the deceast John Barnet, weaver.

Dec. 1. Patrick Fiddes, flesher at Reidnose of Meany.

1723. Feb. 23. George Anderson, shoemaker.

Apr. 6. William Jaffray, chirurgeon and Oeconimus in the King's College, eldest son in life to the deceast John Jaffray, free burges of this City; James Baxter, litster.

Aug. 17. William Sime, wheelwright; Alexander Cruikshank, wheelwright; James Beverly, square wright; Keneth Morison, peiriewigmaker.

Nov. 2. Alexander Stevenson, merchant, son to William Stevenson in Plenderleith of Teviotdale.

Dec. 21. John Brown, merchant, second son of James Brown, merchant; William Summers, shoemaker, second son to George Summers, weaver.

1724. Feb. 24. James Elderson, flesher and maltster; Alexander Lumsden, litster.

Aug. 1. William Mollyson, merchant, eldest son to Alex^{r} Molyson, merchant and baillie; Alexander Aberdein, merchant,

eldest son to Patrick Aberdein, merchant; George Forbes, merchant, son to Wm Forbes in Ellon; James Laurenston, merchant, son to John Laurenston, merchant; James Robertson, weaver and merchant; Daniel Whyte, hookmaker; Thomas Temple, couper.

1724. Sept. 26. William Masson, merchant.

Dec. 19. Daniel Joyner, merchant; William Nicoll, merchant, eldest son to James Nicoll, wright; Robert Mackie, wright.

1725. May 15. James Hadden, eldest son to George Hadden, weaver and merchant; John Loggan, merchant; Patrick Robertson, merchant.

1726. Jan. 29. James Nicoll, younger, shoemaker, son to James Nicoll, wright.

Mar. 5. William Kilgour, litster, eldest son to Patrick Kilgour, litster and merchant; John Clark, skinner, third son to Robert Clark, merchant; John Smith, farmer.

May 21. Alexander Lovie, eldest son to John Lovie, taylior.

July 16. William Thomson, eldest son to the deceast Wm Thomson, merchant; John Gray, eldest son to James Gray, merchant burges; John Chalmers, merchant.

Sept. 3. Alexander Connon, eldest son to George Connon, merchant.

Oct. 1. William Forsyth, eldest son to Thomas Forsyth, weaver; Alexander Reith, taylior; James Greig, farmer.

Nov. 12. William Bothwell, taylior, son to John Bothwell, maltster.

Dec. 24. Robert Forsyth, weaver in Seaton; Robert Lesly, shoemaker; Robert Officer, shoemaker.

1727. Mar. 25. Alexander Smith, eldest son to Mr William Smith, minister of the Gospell in Old Aberdein.

June 3. James Beverlie, wright, eldest son to Wm Beverlie, wright; Thomas Mories, wright; James Masson, smith at Bridge of Done; John Shirres, shoemaker.

Sept. 9. Alexander Taylor, merchant; Francis Wallace, merchant; John Watson, farmer; George Stiven, farmer; John Clark, farmer.

16. John Swap, merchant, eldest son to the deceast John

Swap, merchant; John Moir, taylior, eldest son to Wm Moir, taylior; John Broun, farmer, eldest son to umq^{ll} Gilbert Broun, farmer; William Molyson, gardener; Charles Ferguson, flesher.

1727. Sept. 30. James Sime, baxter.

1728. Mar. 23. George Allan, farmer; John Smart, farmer; William Dallas, farmer; Alexander Hendry, flesher.

Apr. 13. George Chalmers, flesher at Old Cruives.

July 12. David Jeans, shoemaker, son to Wm Jeans, merchant.

1729. Mar. 29. James Bartlet, merchant; James McKallan, brassier, son to George McKallan, maltster; Thomas Watt, wright, son to James Watt at Kethocksmill.

May 31. George Connon, yor, second son to George Connon, elder, merchant.

1730. Feb. 21. John Dallas, eldest son to George Dallas, shoemaker; John Ritchie, eldest son to John Ritchie, taylior; John Forbes, shoemaker in Spithill; William Collie, weaver.

1731. Mar. 20. George Robertson, son to George Robertson, weaver; William Aberdein, merchant, eldest son to Mr Andrew Aberdein, merchant and late Thes^{r}.

Apr. 10. Robert Clark, merchant; Alexander Thomson, merchant; Alexander Strachan, merchant; James Jaffray, wright; John Lumsden, blacksmith.

Aug. 7. James Charles, taylior, eldest son to the deceast Andrew Charles, weaver; James Hervie, eldest son in life to Wm Hervie, flesher; Thomas Hardie, skinner; Robert Fiddes, flesher; John Broun, taylor; John Jamieson, taylor; John Galloway, barber.

Oct. 27. John Clark, skinner, eldest son now in life to the deceast Robert Clark, merchant burges.

28. John Charles in Auchmar.

1732. Jan. 8. John Bennet, shoemaker, eldest son to Thomas Bennet, shoemaker; James Stronach, shoemaker.

Feb. 4. Thomas Young, merch^{t} barber; George Booth, maltster and merchant; James Michie, wright; Alexander Reith, taylior.

1732. Apr. 5. Robert Gordon, Saccarist in the King's College.

May. 13. William Edward, shoemaker; Alex^{r} Simpson, shoemaker.

June 17. William Forbes, copersmith and founder.

Oct. 5. James Walker, blacksmith, eldest son to George Walker, wright.

13. John Martin, tennant at Gordons Mills; James Massie, maltster.

Dec. 2. James Peirie, maltster.

9. David Wagrells, blacksmith.

1733. Jan. 18. Alexander Panton, merchant.

Feb. 3. William Beverly, wright; Alex^{r} Clark, wright.

17. Patrick Hadden, eldest son to And^{r} Hadden, shoemaker.

Mar. 10. James Smith, wright; Alexander Burges, wright; Duncan Riach, blacksmith.

17. James Wiseheart, merch^{t}, eldest son to John Wiseheart, mer^{t}.

May 5. Alexander Clark, couper.

July 13. William Anderson, merchant, eldest son to William Anderson, barber; Alexander Gall, litster and merch^{t}; James Norrie, taylior; William Tilliery, farmer.

Oct. 22. William Rainy, eldest son to Robert Rainy, weaver.

Nov. 9. Andrew Burnet, chirurgeon.

Dec. 1. Thomas Robertson, merchant in Spithill; George Martin, gardner.

1734. July 27. George Aberdein, merchant; George Lovie, taylior; John Kemp, taylior; Joseph Duncan, merchant.

Oct. 18. Alex^{r} Nicoll, eldest son to Alex^{r} Nicoll, shoemaker; William Mitchell, taylior.

1735. Jan. 25. Alexander Ross, merch^{t}; William Findlater, shoemaker in Spithill; Robert White, shoemaker in Spithill; John Ritchie.

July 19. John Gardner, mer^{t}; Archibald Campbell, sacrist in the King's College; Alex^{r} Mowat, maltster; Robert Forsyth, maltster; Alex^{r} Swap, maltster; George Robertson, eldest son to the deceast W Robertson, maltster.

1736. Jan. 31. Norman Nicoll, shoemaker in Spithill; John Philp, shoemaker in Spithill; George Meldrum, shoemaker in Spithill; James Summers, weaver; Charles Moir, gairdner; William Smith in the city of Old Aberdein.

Aug. 7. William Gray, mer^{t}; John Massie, maltster; Robert Chalmers, flesher; James Gill, son to Robert Gill, flesher.

Sept. 18. John Dunbar, eldest son to Patrick Dunbar, weaver; John Crevie, eldest son to George Crevie, merchant and weaver; John Strachan, shoemaker in Spithill; George Smith, apprentice to William Summers, shoemaker; John Davidson, gardner.

1737. Feb. 23. John Martine, mer^{t}; James Jamieson, maltster.

Apr. 2. William Broun, couper, son of a freeman.

Sept. 3. James Gray, mer^{t}; Andrew Rainy, mer^{t}; John Tough, merchant; John Ferguson, farmer.

Oct. 1. William Linton, eldest son to Alexander Linton, wright.

1738. Jan. 14. William Bannerman, litster; William Catto, taylior.

Mar. 25. William Gove, taylor; Alex^{r} Adam, farmer.

June 3. James Scot, wright.

July 15. Thomas Skene, mer^{t}, eldest son to the deceast Patrick Skene, mer^{t}; David Smith, mer^{t}; William Coutts, maltster.

22. Alexander Beverly, eldest son to David Beverly, farmer; John Hutcheon, farmer.

Oct. 14. William Gibson, merchant; William M^{c}kallan, brassier.

1739. Oct. 13. Andrew Tilliery, maltster; James Meston, mer^{t}, son of a burgess; James Elderson, eldest son to the deceast James Elderson, mer^{t} and flesher; James Anderson, taylior, son of a burgess; Thomas Forsyth, weaver, son of a burgess.

1740. Feb. 7. Alex^{r} Will, shoemaker in Spithill.

Apr. 12. William Swap, maltster; Alex^{r} Henderson, weaver; James Hill, eldest son to George Hill, weaver; George Chalmers, eldest son to Geo. Chalmers, flesher; James Chalmers, eldest son to Robert Chalmers, flesher.

July 19. James Simpson, musician, eldest son to the deceast John Simpson, taylior.

Sept. 20. William Nicoll, maltster; William Massie, maltster.

1741. Jan. 31. Thomas Fraser, mer^{t}; Alex^{r} Christall, maltster.

Oct. 10. Robert Hadden, shoemaker.

17. Alex^{r} Bean, farmer and merchant; William Leith, tobacconist mer^{t}; John Wallace, gardner; Peter Mutch, blacksmith.

1742. Jan. 16. Mathew Dalgarno, merch^{t} and wright; John Mitchell, shoemaker in Spithill; James Milne, shoemaker; James Birnie, shoemaker in Spithill; James Moir, shoemaker and mer^{t}, eldest son in life to George Moir, mer^{t}.

Apr. 10. James Fruce, taylior; James Harper, taylior.

Sept. 25. Joseph Mackie, maltster; George Balfour, gairdner; Alex^{r} Smith, mer^{t}; Wm Toash, barbor and wig-maker; George Paul, gairdner; James Beaverly, taylior.

1743. Sept. 3. Alex^{r} Hill, only son to James Hill, mer^{t}; James Swap, maltster; John Catto, weaver.

10. John Jamison, taylior; Wm Aberdein, taylior in Roisk in the parioch of Old Meldrum.

24. William Rainy, mer^{t}; James Anderson, taylor; William Catto, taylor.

Nov. 26. Alexander Moir, taylior.

1744. Mar. 17. Alexander Gill, flesher at foul Pooll of Murcur.

Apr. 25. Robert Rea, mer^{t} in Mountjoy.

May 5. Robert Cruikshank, eldest son to Robert Cruikshank, maltster; John Aberdein, eldest son to William Aberdein, taylior.

Aug. 11. William Beaverly, wheelwright, only son to James Beaverly, wright; Jon Cruikshank, wheelwright; Alexander Cruikshank, wheelwright; Alexander Christy, saddler.

Sept. 29. John Auld, merchant in Old Abdn.

Nov. 10. Andrew Hunter, baiker; James Day, quechmaker.

1745. June 29. William Lauson, mer^{t}; James Aiken, mer^{t}; John Thomson, weaver.

1746. Oct. 18. James Clark, eldest son of James Clark, merch^{t}; James Bradfutt, merchant; John Gordon, merchant.

5. Peter Murray, merch^{t}; James Allan, gairdner; James Thomson, farmer; James Fawns, farmer.

1747. Sept. 19. Alexander Farquhar, merch^{t}; George Angus, merch^{t};

Andrew Balfour, merch^{t}, son of a burgess; Robert Skene, farmer.

1747. Oct. 10. John Mackie, wright.

1748. Jan. 16. John M^{c}intosh, shoemaker.

July 2. Mr James Dalgarno, merchant, son to Bail. Dalgarno; George Balfour, merch^{t}; Will. Fides, dyster, as merch^{t}; James Anderson, farmer.

Oct. 1. John Kennedy, merch^{t}; Andrew Davidson, farmer.

Nov. 12. Geo: Paul, gairdner and merch^{t}; James Fruce, taylor, as merch^{t}; John Aberdein, taylor, as merch^{t}; George Laing, farmer; Alex. Leslie, flesher; John Laws, flesher; John Chalmers, flesher, son of a burgess; Peter Mutch, smith, as merch^{t}.

1749. Jan. 10. Alexander Sadler, flesher; William Craig, flesher; William Leslie, flesher; Thomas Nicol, flesher; John Anderson, flesher.

30. William Gavin, tayler.

May 6. Hector Ritchie, shoemaker.

July 15. James Dunbar, merch^{t}; Henry Selbie, weaver.

1750. Jan. 13. Alex^{r} Henderson, eldest son to Wm Henderson, taylor; John Ferguson, son to Chas Ferguson, flesher; George Stead, flesher.

Apr. 7. James Smith, merch^{t}; John Mellis, merch^{t}.

Sept. 17. James Cantly, merch^{t}; Alex^{r} Duncan, merch^{t}; Alex^{r} Forrest, barber, son of a burgess.

29. James Thomson, saddler, son to Alex. Thomson, cooper.

Oct. 13. Alex^{r} George, merch^{t}; Peter Hadden, shoemaker, now merch^{t}; John Paton, shoemaker, son to Andrew Paton, shoemaker.

1751. Apr. 1. Alex^{r} Lillie, shoemaker; John Crushank, baker.

June 21. Peter Lendrum, merch^{t}; John Cumming, merch^{t}; George Cumming, wright, son of a burgess.

June 22. Alex^{r} Dunbar, weaver.

Sept. 20. George Willox, merchant.

Oct. 10. David Turriff, merch^{t}, son of a burgess; James Thomson, merch^{t}, son of a burgess; John Swap, skinner, son of a burgess.

1752. Jan. 4. James Bruce, merchant.

Sept. 29. John Smith, younger, blacksmith; Thomas Schivas, gardner.

Oct. 28. William Mitchell, merch^{t}; Wm Fawns, eldest son of Jas. Fawns; Alex Moir, merch^{t}, son to Alex. Moir, merch^{t} and tayler.

1753. June 9. Alexander Bean, merch^{t}.

1754. May 11. Donald Fraser, tayler.

July 27. John Bruce, farmer; William Henderson, you^{r}, taylor, son to Wm Henderson, eld^{r}, tayler.

Aug. 21. George Tilleray, merchant; William Davidson, gairdner; George Chalmers, shoemaker.

Nov. 23. William Volum, merchant, eldest son of Thos Volum, weaver; John Ross, merchant, eldest son of William Ross, weaver; Alex^{r} Barnet, son to John Barnett, tradesman; William Forsyth, son to Robt Fersth, tradesman; James Robertson, weaver; John Urquhart, weaver.

1755. July 26. Alex^{r} Moir, shoemaker, son to John Moir, taylor; Geo. Hadden, son to Peter Hadden, shoemaker; Robt Crokart, shoemaker; John Leslie, merch^{t}; Robt Coutts, shoemaker.

Sept. 27. Alex^{r} Leslie, smith, son to Alex. Leslie, flesher; Peter Robertson, staymaker.

1756. Jan. 17. George Allan, merch^{t}; Lewis Mason, merch^{t}, son to John Mason, smith.

Apr. 10. John Shand, merch^{t}; Tho. Hutcheon, mercht^{t}.

July 28. William Paull, gairdner.

Sept. 11. Hugh Hay, wright.

Nov. 19. Geo: Morrice, son to Thos Morrice, wright; John Tilleray, eldest son to Thos Tilleray, farmer; John Mellis, younger, merch^{t}.

1757. Feb. 23. James Webster, merchant; James Walker, gardner.

1758. Mar. 11. John Garvick, tayler.

Sept. 13. James Mitchell, merch^{t}; Walter Anderson, merch^{t}; John Greogory, eldest son to David Greogory, merch^{t}.

Oct. 28. Adam Maitland, merchant; James Charles, taylor, eldest son of James Charles, tayler.

1759. Jan. 27. And. Walker, bricklayer, as merch^{t}; Robert Midleton, gardiner, as merch^{t}.

Oct. 27. Robert Rainy, eldest son to Wm Rainy, weaver; Wm Duncan, shoemaker.

1760. Feb. 16. Mathew Whyte, smith.

Mar. 29. James Low, merch^{t}.

Apr. 5. Wm George, son to Alex^{r} George, merch^{t}; John Cruikshank, baker, as merch^{t}; And. Davidson, gardiner, as merch^{t}.

12. Peter Robertson, staymaker, as merch^{t}.

1761. Feb. 21. James Robertson, jun^{r}, merch^{t}.

Apr. 11. Peter Durward, baker, as merch^{t}.

July 4. Sir James Reid of Barra, as merch^{t}.

Oct. 24. Alex^{r} Findlater, son of a burgess.

Nov. 28. Patrick Thomson, shipmaster.

1762. Jan. 2. Colin Allan, goldsmith; Thomas Black.

23. Andrew Fowler; Alex^{r} Swap; John Leslie.

30. Robert Chalmers; John Clerk.

Mar. 27. John Robertson; James Walker, litster.

May 15. William Paull, gardner; Alex^{r} Airth.

Oct. 16. James Pirie, merch^{t}; Alex^{r} Walker, merch^{t}; William Aiken, merch^{t}.

30. Wm Fettes, flesher, son to Alex^{r} Fettes, flesher; James Brown, merch^{t}; James Aiken, merch^{t}, son to William Aiken, merchant.

1763. Jan. 8. James Moir, tayler.

Apr. 16. Alex^{r} Fiddes at Bridge of Don, as merchant.

23. Robert Massie, son of James Massie, merchant, deceast, caut. William Massie.

June 9. Andrew Walker of Toryleith, as merch^{t}, son of a burgess.

Dec. 17. David Duncan, laxfisher at Bridge of Don.

1764. Jan. 7. John Cruckshank, wheelwright.

23. Alexander Beverlay, tayler, caut. Jas. Beverly, tayler.

June 2. Alex^{r} Burges, blacksmith.

Aug. 11. John Morice, wright, son to Thomas Morice, wright.

Dec. 22. James Jaffray, younger, wright, son to James Jaffray, elder, wright.

1765. Aug. 3. John Reith, son to Alex^{r} Reith, tayler, as merchant; John Laing, merchant; George Paul, younger, gardiner, as merch^{t}; Andrew Lawson, blacksmith; John Bodie, merchant.

Nov. 16. William Brow, laxfisher at Bridge of Don, as a flesher; William Nicoll, laxfisher at Bridge of Don, as a flesher; James Catto, farmer.

1766. Oct. 5. James Anderson, merch^{t}, son of a burgess.

Dec. 13. William Duncan, gardner; John Polson, farmer.

1767. Oct. 24. Robert Mennie, gardner, as a merchant.

29. William Forsyth, taylor.

Nov. 28. James Davidson, maltman, as a merchant.

1768. Jan. 23. Peter Dumbar, weaver, son to the deceast John Dumbar, weaver; Norman Nicoll, wright; Nathaniel Thomson, weaver.

Oct. 26. Alex^{r} Sangster, wheelwright.

1769. Jan. 21. Walter Leith, weaver; George Henderson, weaver, son of a burgess; John Robertson, weaver.

Sept. 30. James Bruce, baker.

Oct. 5. George Youngson, shoemaker; David Cruickshank, shoemaker, caut. John Cruickshank.

1770. Sept. 29. James Nicoll, tayler; James Jaffray, sen^{r}, wright, as a merchant; William Davidson, merchant in new Aberdeen, as having married the only daughter of James Laurenston, merchant.

Oct. 13. Alexander Fiddes, flesher, eldest son to Robert Fiddes, flesher.

27. William Chalmers, flesher, eldest son of Robt Chalmers, flesher; Robert Chalmers, flesher, second son of Robt Chalmers, flesher; William Henderson, taylor; Robert M^{c}kiray, litster, as a merchant; James Jaffray, jun^{r}, wright, son of a burgess.

Nov. 10. John Crevie, son of John Crevie, merchant; Wm Williamson, gardner.

1771. Apr. 2. William Taylor, shoemaker in Spithill.

Sept. 28. John Aberdein, gardner; George Thom, gardner.

Oct. 26. George Jaffray, wright, son to James Jaffray, burges.

1772. Apr. 25. James Simmars, second son to the deceast James Simmars, weaver; John Smith, eldest son of James Smith, wright.

Sept. 29. Ro^{t} Spencer, merchant; Wm Paul, jun^{r}, gardner, as a merchant; John Thom, tayler, as a merchant.

Oct. 24. William Leith, shoemaker in Spitthill; John Taylor, eldest son to William Taylor, shoemaker; James Stronach, younger, shoemaker, formerly admitted, *gratis;* Alex^{r} Catto, shoemaker in Spitthill.

1773. Sept. 25. James Aberdein, merchant; Alexander Wood, gardner, as a merchant; John Grant, gardner.

Oct. 23. William Mathieson, tayler.

Nov. 12. William M^{c}kallan, brassier, son of a burgess.

1774. Apr. 23. George Bartlet, upholsterer, son of a burgess; William Masson, wright, as a merchant.

Dec. 24. Alexander Clark, wright, as a merchant.

1775. Oct. 2. James Rae, weaver, married to a tradesman's only daughter; Andrew Reith, tayler.

Dec. 25. Alexander Jamison, eldest son to the late James Jamison, merchant.

1776. Apr. 22. James Hector, shoemaker at Bridge of Don; James Catto, farmer.

Sept. 30. Robt Burnett, tanner, as a merchant.

Oct. 3. Alex^{r} Thom, farmer, as a merchant.

1777. Feb. 3. Wm Catto, son of William Catto, merchant; James Swap, jun^{r}, barber; Joseph Dobbs, weaver; John Elder, weaver; John Milne, weaver.

Sept. 29. Alexander Innes, gardner, as a merchant.

Nov. 17. Alexander Ross, son to Alex^{r} Ross, late merch^{t} here, now in New Aberdeen.

1778. Jan. 12. William Chisholm, shoemaker; James Chisholm, shoemaker; Alex^{r} Malclom, shoemaker.

Oct. 26. Andrew Lawson, blacksmith, as a merchant; William Connan, shoemaker; William Chrystal, taylor, caut. John Chrystal; William Kemp, farmer, as a merchant; John Polson, farmer, as a merchant.

1779. Sept. 30. Mr Hugh Leslie Powies, son of a burgess; Alex^{r}

Annand, merch^{t} in Abdn., son of a burgess; John Annand, merch^{t} in Abdn., son of a burgess.

1779. Oct. 25. James Smith, merchant; Chas Sangster, gardner, as a merchant; Ro^{t} McKie, farmer; Hary Cheves, gardner, eldest son of Thomas Cheves, burges.

1780. Apr. 24. John Mitchell, baker, as a merchant; William Gray, farmer, eldest son of the deceased James Gray, merchant.

Oct. 30. George Fiddes, shoemaker, as the second son of a burgess; William Linton, shoemaker, as the second son of a burgess; John Riach, shoemaker, married to a tradesman burgess' daughter.

Nov. 13. Andrew Reith, taylor, as a merchant.

14. Ja. Anderson, eldest son of James Anderson, taylor and merchant.

1781. Oct. 1. John Ross, baker, as a merchant; John Melvin, farmer, as a merchant; Thomas Moir, merchant, married to a burgess' daughter; John Irvine, merchant; John Anderson, tanner, as a merchant; William Malcolm, cooper, married to a daughter of a burgess.

29. Alex^{r} Moir, shoemaker, as a merchant; Thomas Moir, his son.

1782. Apr. 22. William Davidson, merchant; Alexander Smith, merchant; John Montgomery, wright.

Oct. 2. John Moir, merchant; John Angus, son of Wm Angus, merchant in Aberdeen; Alex^{r} Bean, advocate in Abd^{n}, son of a burgess.

Nov. 12. Alex^{r} Massie, eldest son of Wm Massie.

1783. Apr. 21. Thomas Wilken, wright.

Aug. 19. George Jaffray, cartwright, caut. George Jaffray.

Oct. 27. George Hill, taylor, caut. James Hill; Robert Rainy, weaver, as a merchant.

1784. Nov. 15. Ro^{t} Moir, farmer at Gateside, as a merchant; John Kennedy, gardner, as a merchant; James Nicoll, taylor, as a merchant.

1785. May 26. William Milne, wright, as a merchant.

Nov. 14. Robert Cruickshank, baker, eldest son of Conveener Cruickshank, baker.

1786. Apr. 24. John Melvin, weaver; John Smith, jun^{r}, blacksmith.

Oct. 2. John Auld, farmer, as a merchant; John Hector, farmer, as a merchant; Robert Wishart, taylor, as a merchant; Alex^{r} Connon, taylor, in right of his wife.

30. William Webster, weaver, eldest son of Henry Webster, weaver; Alex^{r} Burnett, weaver.

Nov. 6. James Symmer, weaver, as a merchant; George Smith, farmer, as a merchant; Alex^{r} Ewen, overseer of the Crieve fishing, as a merchant; William Strachan, baker; Alexander Walker, skinner, as a merchant; James Webster, brewer, as a merchant; George Anderson, farmer, as a merchant.

1787. Apr. 24. Thos Leith, shoemaker.

Nov. 12. Wm Hector, son of John Hector, burgess; George Paul, son of a burgess.

1788. Nov. 10. William Michie, wright, Abd^{n}, eldest son of James Michie, late conveener of the trades here; George Robertson, farmer, eldest son of Geo. Robertson, late at Gordons Mills; William Linton, shoemaker.

1789. Apr. 27. Thos Annand, merchant; James Tillery, merchant; Alex^{r} Henderson, trades burgess; William Fiddes, trades burgess, caut. Geo. Fiddes, his brother.

May 11. George Martine, gardner; George Johnston, gardner.

1790. Mar. 8. James Keith, farmer, a "draff burger."

Apr. 26. Wm Grant, gardner, a "draff burger."

Sept. 27. James Rigg, brewer.

1792. Oct. 29. John Donald, blotter, as a merchant; Wm Smith, salmon fisher, as a merchant; James Brown, son of a burgess, a draff burger; Patrick Rainie, eldest son of Robt Rainie, merchant; James Sangster, taylor.

Nov. 10. George Leslie, flesher at Bridge of Don, eldest son of a burgess; Alex^{r} Niccol, flesher at Bridge of Don, eldest son of a burgess; Thomas Niccol, flesher at Bridge of Don, eldest son of a burgess; William Niccol, flesher at Bridge of Don, eldest son of a burgess; John Leslie, flesher at Bridge of Don, third son of a burgess; John Davidson, flesher at Bridge of Don; William Fettes, flesher at Bridge of Don, second son of a burgess; Robert Stephen, merchant, com-

position remitted; James Chalmers, flesher, eldest son of a burgess.

1793. Apr. 17. James Black, weaver.

1794. Oct. 27. James Melven, as a merchant; Alex^{r} Youngson, as a merchant; John Barrack, as a merchant; Thos. Allan, as a merchant; Alex^{r} Catto, as a merchant; Wm Leslie, as a merchant; James Clark, as a merchant.

Nov. 15. And^{r} Lawson, son of And^{r} Lawson, blacksmith; James Polson, second son of John Polson, merchant.

1795. Apr. 27. George Birnie, as a merchant; Andrew Valentine, farmer, as a merchant.

May 25. William Arthur, as a merchant.

Sept. 28. John Watson, as a merchant.

30. Thomas Strachan, as a merchant.

Oct. 29. John Gibson, taylor.

1796. Oct. 6. Peter Robertson, only son of Peter Robertson, staymaker.

31. James Falconer, tanner, as a merchant.

Nov. 7. William Paul, junior, gardener, as a merchant; John Polson, junior, son of John Polson, burgess.

1797. Oct. 30. Thomas Innes, son of Alex^{r} Innes, gardener; John Irvine, junior, merchant.

Nov. 1. James King, merchant.

1798. Oct. 1. George Mutch, merchant; Gilb^{t} Christall, merchant.

29. Alex^{r} Smith, jun^{r}, merchant; Alex^{r} Valentine, merchant; John Simpson, merchant; Robt Booth, merchant; James Stirling, merchant; Geo. Shinie, merchant; John Laing, merchant, son of a burgess; James Turreff, shoemaker; John Abel, shoemaker in Spittle.

Dec. 24. And. McDowal, seedsman; Hugh Milne, merchant.

1799. Apr. 22. James Riach, weaver, as a merchant; John Melvin, weaver, as a merchant; Willm Hector, tanner, as a merchant.

Sept. 30. W^{m} McMillan, currier.

Oct. 28. Robert Ross, merch^{t}, son of the deceased John Ross, weaver; Alexander Dalgarno, merchant; James Harvie, Gordons Mills, merchant.

Nov. 14. Peter Nicol, merchant, son of a burgess; George

Fiddes, son of George Fiddes, senior, burgess; John Hector, junior, son of Wm Hector; Alex^{r} Irvine, merchant burgess; Wm Wood, merchant burgess; John Hector, Westfield, merchant burgess; William Connon, merchant burgess; Wm Taylor, merchant burgess; Geo. Johnston, merchant burgess; George Martin, merchant burgess.

1800. Apr. 21. John Beverly, wright, son of the deceased Alex^{r} Beverly, taylor; Robert Machray, baker, son of Robert Machray, dyer.

Oct. 27. Alex^{r} Watt, blacksmith, son of a burgess.

1801. Jan. 8. Robt Gray, weaver; James Grub, shoemaker, as a merchant; George Grub, his son.

Mar. 30. Thos Sangster, partner of the firm of Smith, Irvine & Co.

Apr. 13. Jas. Walker, gardner, son to Jas. Walker, gardner, as a merchant.

May 18. George Stronach, blacksmith; John Booth, blacksmith; An^{d} Anderson, blacksmith; Wm Masson, blacksmith.

June 17. Willm Booth, blacksmith.

Sept. 28. Hugh Stewart, merchant; Geo. Allan, merchant.

Oct. 26. An^{d} Webster, weaver; Wm Deans, weaver.

Nov. 5. James Rae, weaver, as a merchant; James Rae, his son, as a merchant.

7. John Cumine, brewer.

14. John Rowe, mariner, son-in-law to Conveener Wishart.

1802. Jan. 25. Geo. Walker, blacksmith; Alex^{r} Anderson, blacksmith; Wm Leitch, blacksmith; John Robertson, blacksmith; Jo. Smith, jun^{r}, blacksmith, son of a burgess.

Nov. 9. Peter Mason, weaver; Jas. Melvin, wright.

13. George Chalmers, trades burgess, son of a burgess; John Leslie, trades burgess; Alex^{r} Imlay, trades burgess; Geo. Leslie, trades burgess.

1803. Sept. 26. James McDonald, wright.

Oct. 31. Adam Stables, merchant.

Nov. 10. John Smith, Woodside, merchant.

1804. Oct. 1. John Anderson, merchant.

4. Thos Sangster, advocate, son of a burgess.

29. Peter Robb, merchant.

Nov. 12. Geo. Mackenzie, shoemaker; Peter Mitchell, weaver;

Chas. Mackenzie, in right of his wife's father, the late John Smart.

1805. Sept. 30. James Melvin, merchant, son of a burgess; James Selbie, wright.

Oct. 28. Alex^{r} Hector, merchant.

Nov. 9. Alex^{r} Walker, eldest son of Alex^{r} Walker, merchant; John Stronach, burgess, shoemaker, as a merchant.

1806. Sept. 29. Peter Mitchell, weaver, as a merchant.

Oct. 27. David Robie, weaver; William Rae, weaver, caut. James Rae.

1807. Mar. 17. Robert Laing; William Smith; John Edmond; Donald Christie, as trade burgesses.

Apr. 27. Alex^{r} Melvin, merchant.

Oct. 26. Will. Stephen, weaver, as a merchant.

Nov. 2. John Beverley, baker, as a merchant; James Machray, son of Robert Machray, dyer; Roderick Smith, blacksmith.

1808. Jan. 25. Alex^{r} Gunn, weaver.

Oct. 8. John Ewing, son of a burgess; Wm Stables, son of Adam Stables; Robt Stephen, son of William Stephen; Ja^{s} Irvine, son of a burgess; Wm Barrack, son of a burgess; Alex^{r} Chisholm, son of a burgess; James Wood, son of a burgess; Wm Massie, son of a burgess; James Swap, son of a burgess; John Robb, son of a burgess; Geo. Henderson, son of a burgess; Robt Rainny, son of Patrick Rainny; James Valentine, son of Andrew Valentine; John Thomson, jun^{r}, son of John Thomson; John Milne, jun^{r}, son of John Milne; John Watt, son of Alex^{r} Watt; Peter Rae, James Renny, John Short and Wm Mackie, draff burgesses; John Milne, James Chisholm, Peter Robb, George Smith, Ja^{s} Selby, Alex^{r} Massie, Wm Smith, David Milne, John Thomson, David Connon, Peter Fiddes, Ja^{s} Anderson, Wm Watt and Ja^{s} Arthur, merchant burgesses; William Duncan, trade burgess.

1809. Oct. 30. John England, taylor; Geo. Smith, blacksmith.

1810. Oct. 1. Robt Will, carter; Al. Keith, printer, married only daughter of Alex^{r} Keith, burgess; Geo. Milne, shoemaker; James Elmslie, cooper; John Melvin, second son of a burgess.

29. James Stables, vintner, a draff burgess.

1810. Nov. 17. Richd Fettes, butcher.

1811. Apr. 22. Fraser Keith, weaver, as a merchant; John Wight, butcher, as a merchant.

Oct. 28. Thomas Smith, merchant; Geo. Robertson, baker, son of George Robertson, merchant; Bishop Thom, eldest son of George Thom, gardner; John Green, merchant; Alex^{r} Hector, son of William Hector; Francis Lawson, son of Andrew Lawson; John Leslie, son of James Leslie; John Sangster, merchant.

Nov. . Revd William Paul, son of a burgess; John Cadonhead, gardner, as a merchant.

1812. Apr. . Arthur Wilson, merchant.

27. Alex^{r} Fiddes, son of George Fiddes.

Sept. . George Will, a trade burgess.

Oct. 26. John Robertson, cooper in Aberdeen, as a merchant; David McHardy, blacksmith in Aberdeen; Peter Allan, brickmaker, as a merchant; Thos Bartlet, upholsterer, as a merchant; John Bartlet, upholsterer, as a merchant; James Smith, as a merchant.

1813. Apr. 10. Geo. Charles, taylor, son of a burgess; Peter Taylor, farmer.

Oct. 25. Thos Melvin, soldier 1st Bat. of Artillery Train, 2nd son of John Melvin, weaver, as a merchant; Al. Smith, blacksmith, as a merchant.

1814. Feb. 16. Geo. Green, mealseller, a draff burgess.

25. William Nicol, taylor; Geo. Anderson, jun^{r}, taylor; Francis Brodie, taylor.

Oct. 31. Peter Masson, a trade burgess, as a merchant; Francis Grub, son of James Grub; Ninian Kynoch, merchant; George Burr, merchant; Wm Jamieson, merchant; Robt Connon, eldest son of William Connon, burgess; Peter Forbes, a trade burgess.

1815. Apr. 24. William Dunbar, as a merchant; Peter Dunbar, his son, as a trade burgess.

Oct. 2. James Nicol, eldest son of Bailie Nicol.

30. John Wildgoose, at Bridge of Don, a trade burgess; Wm Wildgoose, at Bridge of Don, a trade burgess; John

Wildgoose, jun^{r}, at Bridge of Don, a trade burgess; Thomas Nicol, a trade burgess; William Hector, merchant.

1816. Oct. . John Rae; Patrick Steven; Wm Wilson, merchant; James Shepherd, Alex^{r} Connon, Alex^{r} Rae, James Connon, Alex^{r} Hunter, Alex^{r} Mitchell, William Davidson, John Smith, John McHardy and James Robb, trade burgesses.

1817. Oct. 2. James Ross, town's drummer, *gratis*.

27. James Lunan, James Hay, Alex^{r} Lister, James Traill, Wm Rae, John Proctor and Alex^{r} Rainnie, as trade burgesses; John Hay, son of a trade burgess; John McDonald, Gilbert McDonald and John Hector, sons of merchant burgesses.

Nov. 14. Arthur Cromar, trade burgess; Wm Stephen, merchant.

1818. Sept. 28. James Leslie, farmer, trade burgess.

Oct. 26. Wm Mitchell, weaver, Alex^{r} Connon, sen^{r}, taylor, Alex^{r} Connon, jun^{r}, his son, James Lunan, watchmaker, James Connon, son of a burgess, James Black, James Anderson, Geo. Henderson and George Buchan, trade burgesses.

1819. Jan. 18. Willm Smith, merchant; John Dunn, John Daniel and John Innes, trade burgesses.

Oct. 25. James Robertson, son of a burgess.

Nov. 1. Alex^{r} Elmslie, David Aiken, James Allathan and Wm Stephen, trade burgesses; Alex^{r} Grub, shoemaker, as a merchant.

1820. Apr. . James Walker; Alex^{r} Duncan, trade burgesses; Alex^{r} Walker, son of a burgess.

Oct. 30. George Stephen, Wm Walker, James Henderson and Alex^{r} Stables, merchant burgesses; Duncan Dunbar, Ja^{s} Jaffray, John Gair, James Fernie, Magnus Swanson, John Cruickshank, John Cruickshank, jun^{r}, Alex^{r} Smith, John Milne, Jas. Nicol, Alex^{r} Glenny, Wm Anderson, Don. Webster and W. Paul, trade burgesses.

1821. Oct. 29. Scott Arthurson, trade burgess; Alex^{r} Souter, blacksmith; Jas. Stirling, shoemaker, son of a burgess; Ja^{s} Massie, farmer, son of Alex. Massie, residenter, *gratis;* Alex^{r} Meffen, weaver; Alex^{r} Cromar, weaver; Alex^{r} Clark, shoemaker.

1822. Sept. 9. Thos Leask, merchant.
Oct. 28. Robt Fiddes, eldest son of Peter Fiddes, merchant.
1823. Apr. 21. Ja^{s} Hardie, weaver, as a merchant; John Gauld, wright.
Aug. 27. William Linton, David Towns, George Stables and Alex^{r} Mason, merchant burgesses; James Pirie, John Walker, Wm Mackie, John Laing, John Leighton and Wm Meff, trade burgesses.
Dec. 22. William Stephen, David McHardy, John McHardy, James Sherriffs and Joseph Milne, trade burgesses; George Charles, sen^{r}, Geo. Charles, jun^{r} and Geo. Anderson, merchant burgesses.
1824. Feb. 20. Alex^{r} Watson, eldest son of Mr John Watson, merchant.
Oct. 25. James Robb, merchant.
Nov. 27. Wm Watt and Wm Stirling, merchant burgesses; Ja^{s} Smith, trade burgess.
1825. Oct. 31. Alex^{r} Smith, John Smith, Alex^{r} Anderson and And. Lawson, merchant burgesses; Wm Robertson, trade burgess.
Nov. 25. Alex^{r} Hunter, merchant.
1826. Oct. 5. Geo. Cruickshank, merchant; Geo. Rae, trade burgess.
30. Wm Garrow, advocate; John Cooper, merchant.
1827. Apr. 24. Alex^{r} Ingram, merchant; Gerard Bate; Robert Stephen and Jeremiah Smith, blacksmiths.
1828. Apr. 2. James Will, weaver.
Oct. 29. John Polson, jr., farmer, son of John Polson.
1829. Apr. 29. Wm Paterson, merchant.
May 7. Alex^{r} Paul and John Smith, shoemakers.
Oct. 1. John Lawson, merchant; Wm Laws, cartwright.
26. George Smith, jun^{r}, son of George Smith, mason; John Jeans, mariner.
1830. Jan. 16. William Hay, stone merchant.
Sept. 30. George Thomson, wright.
Oct. 25. William Thom, mason, son of the late William Thom, merchant.
1832. Jan. 23. George Brown, tailor.
Oct. 3. Alexander Smith, merchant; Alexander Nicol, stone merchant; George Barrack, mason.

1832. Oct. 29. George Grub, writer, son of George Grub, shoemaker; Thomas Smith, son-in-law of John Smith, glazier; John Finlayson, jun^{r}, tailor; William Dalgarno, tailor; William McConachie, tailor.

1833. Sept. 30. Alexander Keith, son of Alex^{r} Keith, painter.

Oct. 28. James Milne, painter; John Hunter, eldest son of Convener Hunter.

1834. Sept. 29. Ninian Kynoch, merchant, Spittal, married to the only daughter of Ninian Kynoch, merchant.

1835. Oct. 1. George Clark, baker.

26. George Cruickshank, son of George Cruickshank; John Jamieson, son of Wm Jamieson, shoemaker; Alexander Clark, son of John Clark, cooper.

Nov. 14. Adam Stables, eldest son of Alexander Stables; John Barrack, eldest son of Wm Barrack; John Massie, eldest son of James Massie; James Henderson, eldest son of James Henderson, sen^{r}: George Fiddes, eldest son of Alexander Fiddes, painter; John Arthur, eldest son of James Arthur, blacksmith; Alexander Irvine, Lyell Leask, eldest sons of burgesses.

1836. Oct. 6. John Allan, ironmonger, son of George Allan, sen^{r}.

31. George Stables, son of Wm Stables, mason.

1837. Mar. 23. George E. Smith, son of Jeremiah Smith.

Dec. 13. William Smith, eldest son of George Smith, blacksmith; Alexander Smith, second son of Thomas Smith, salmon fisher.

1838. July 26. William Gibb, son-in-law of Peter Rennie.

1839. Aug. 27. Robert Laws, son of William Laws, wright.

Oct. 3. Andrew Simpson, wright.

25. Alexander Stables, jr, second son of Alexander Stables; James Charles, second son of George Charles; Robert Allan, baker, as a merchant; Leslie Nicol, beadle, as a merchant; James Thomson, painter, as a merchant.

1843. Apr. 24. Stephen Airth, shoemaker.

Oct. 30. Robert Ferguson, dyer in Aberdeen.

1845. Oct. 25. George Stables, jr, third son of Alexander Stables.

1851. Oct. 25. Clark Nairn Stables and James Stables, sons of Alex-

ander Stables, merchant; Patrick Polson and Henry Polson, sons of the late John Polson; Peter Mellis, clerk, Old Aberdeen Brewery; Joseph Dunn, brewer; John Simpson, merchant.

1852. Apr. 24. James Smith, son of James Smith, burgess; John Nicol, son of Thomas Nicol.

1854. Feb. 12. George Laws, wright, son of William Laws; George Cadenhead, tailor; Robert Clark, painter, son of James Clark.

Apr. 24. James Clark, tailor.

Nov. 25. James Daniel, son of John Daniel; George Rae, son of George Rae, flesher.

Dec. 23. John Mitchell, weaver.

1855. Oct. 27. John Milne, baker; Robert Ross, druggist.

1856. Sept. 29. William Stewart, a trade burgess; Charles Mathieson, son of Peter Mathieson.

Oct. 25. Alexander Clark, shoemaker; Alexander Linton, baker; William Leslie, shoemaker.

Dec. 19. William Davidson, cartwright.

1857. Oct. 24. John Dunn, clerk, son of Joseph Dunn; James Fyfe, flesher, son-in-law of John Robertson, flesher.

1858. Feb. 18. David Connon, third son of James Connon.

1859. Feb. 3. James Stevenson, shoemaker; William Calder, tailor; John Thom, son of William Thom, mason.

Oct. 29. William Cromar, gardener, Spital, son of David Cromar; John Glennie, son of Alexander Glennie.

Dec. 27. John Milne, baker.

1861. Jan. 14. Alexander Traill, flesher and fisher.

Oct. 3. Robert Shaw, messenger-at-arms.

1864. Oct. 29. William Cumming, son-in-law of William Laws; Andrew Thomson, Andrew Marshall and George Grub, junr, son of George Grub, town-clerk, merchant burgesses.

1865. Oct. 28. Alexander Allan, cabinetmaker, as a merchant; John Thomson, blacksmith, as a merchant.

1866. Oct. 1. Convener Alexander Smith.

27. John Yeoman, cartwright; James Valentine, in Mount Street.

Nov. 23. David McHardy, junr; Thomas S. Nicol; John Mathie-

son, sons of burgesses, as trade burgesses; George Sinclair and Alexander Garden, tailors.

1867. Mar. 20. William Tocher, overseer, Bridge of Don.

Oct. 26. William McGregor, baker.

1868. Mar. 25. Alexander and James Walker, wine merchants, sons of William Walker, wine merchant.

1870. Mar. 21. James Connon, shoemaker, son of a burgess; William Edmond, tailor, son of a burgess; Alexr Maver, tailor, son-in-law of John Finlayson, tailor; Charles Robertson and George Dickson, trade burgesses.

Oct. 3. John McDonald Finlayson, son of John Finlayson, tailor; Peter Mathieson, son of Chas. Mathieson, tailor; Charles W. M. Daniel, son of James Daniel, tailor.

1871. Oct. 2. John Arthur, junr, son of Convener Arthur.

1872. Sept. 30. George Sinclair, junr, son of George Sinclair, tailor; Charles Mathieson, junr, son of Charles Mathieson, do.; James Wm Daniel, son of James Daniel, do.; Alexr Stewart Garden, son of Alexander Garden, do.; Alexander Clark, son of Robert Clark, wright and cooper; James Clark, junr, son of James Clark, do.

1873. Sept. 29. George M. Clark, son of Robert Clark, wright and cooper; John Erskine Dickson, son of George Dickson, tailor; William James McKessah, son-in-law of Charles Mathieson, tailor; Alexander Smith, son of Alexander Smith, flesher.

1875. Sept. 27. Charles Grub, son of George Grub, town-clerk.

1876. Oct. 2. George McLeod Clark, son-in-law of a merchant burgess; Wm Wyllie Clark; Henry Clark; Robert Clark; Robert Forbes, sons of trade burgesses.

1877. Oct. 1. William Yeoman, son of a burgess, as a merchant; Alexander Logie, son-in-law of a burgess.

1878. Sept. 30. George Nicol, inspector of fisheries; George Thomson, brewer.

1879. Sept. 29. George Nicol, junr, son of George Nicol, burgess.

1884. Nov. 3. William S. Rae, son of a burgess.

11. William M. Daniel, son of a burgess.

1885. Nov. 12. John Kynoch, son of Ninian Kynoch, burgess.

REGISTER OF HONORARY BURGESSES.

1668. Mar. 7. Jon Ross, Sacrist of the King's Colledge.

1669. Jan. 2. Thomas Tailzeour in Seattoune for his service done to the old toune; James Frost, violer.

May 15. Alex^{r} Zett.

1670. Jan. 15. James Walker, litster: "for reasonable causis".

July 16. James Arnold, servitor to Jon Ross, sacrist in the King's Colledge.[1]

Oct. 12. [2]Alex^{r} Gordone, eldest laufull sone to the deceissed Mr Thomas Gordone, sumtyme in Keithaksmilne.

1671. July 24. George Adam, advocat, caut. Hendrie Adam, his father.

Dec. 13. Jon Dempster, perriewigmaker.

1673. May 17. Lewes Couts, servitor to Mr Jon Scowgall, comissor of Abd.

1674. Feb. 19. Mr Thomas Crevey, minister at Newhills.

May 16. Androw Thomsone, advocat and comisser deput of Abd.; James Moir, in Ferriehill; Jon Brabner, in Cottoune; William Layng, Œconomus of the King's Colledge; George Thomsone, servitour to the said Androw Thomsone.

Sept. 26. Hendrie Fowles, lau^{ll} sone to Sir James Fowles, lord Collingtoune, and on of the lords off His majesties Councell and Sessione; Mr James Elphingstone, Wreitter to his majesties signet; [3]Mr George Midletoune, on of the regents of the King's Colledge.

[1] "For the respects carried be the magistrates of the toune to the maisters and members of the said Colledge as being speall friends and assistants to the toune."

[2] Humanist, King's College, 1695.

[3] Eldest son of Principal Alex. Middleton and himself Principal in 1684.

1674. Oct. 21. Keneth, Lord Kintaill, eldest laufull sone to ane noble and potent earle Keneth earle of Seaforth, Lord M^c^Keinzie and Kintaill; Mr George Fraser, governor to the sd. noble lord; James , servitour to the same.

1675. Aug. 12. Mr George Scott of Gibliestoune, stewart of Orknay.

1678. June 8. John Forbes, merchand.

Aug. 3. [1] Mr Alex^r^ Broune, student in divinite and servitor to my lo. Bp. of Abd.

1679. Apr. 17. Thomas Innes in Tarbethill, factor and chamberlaine to ane noble earle George earle of Panmuir, lord Maull of Brechin and Navar.

Nov. 21. Robert Murray of Elardoune; Mr William Sinclair, Comiss^r^ of Cathnes; Robert Innes, yor, of Thurster; William Younger, servitor to the sd. Robert Murray.

1681. Aug. 8. Mr Robert Ross, servitor to Mr James Scogall, comiss^r^ of Abd.

1682. Oct. 16. [2] John Halyburtoune, onlie sone to ane Reverend father George, Bischop of Abd.; James Dowglas, sone to Robert, Bischop of Brechin; Mr Robert Patersone, principall of Marshalls Colledge of Abd.; George Pattone of Grandhame; [3] Mr John Gordone, eldest sone to James Gordone of Seattoune; William Pantone of Watrishmoore, wreitter to his mat^ies^ Signet; George Spens, pror. fiscall of the Comissariot of Brechin; Maister William Symsone, minister at Navar; Maister William Ratray, minister at Carngill; Maister James Pattone, minister at Cathenes; Maister David Ogilvie, chaplaine to the Bischop of Abd.; William Mackie, servitor to the sd. Reverend father; Lachlane Couper, servitor to the sd. Reverend father.

1683. Apr. 21. [4] Captaine Patrick Lyon, second sone to ane noble and potent earle Patrick earle of Kinghorne and Strathmore, Lord Lyon and Glames; Maister John Lyon, shereff clerk of Forfar; John Lyon, younger, of Whytwell; [5] Maister Johne Balvaird, preacher of the gospell; [6] Mr William Balvaird,

[1] Afterwards minister at Cabrach. [2] Civilist at King's College, 1687.
[3] Commissary Clerk and Civilist, King's College, 1696.
[4] Of Auchterhouse. Killed at Sheriffmuir. [5] Minister of Kirkden.
[6] Son of the preceding, and chaplain to the Earl of Strathmore.

preacher of the gospell; John Gray, sone to Patrick Gray of Wester Braikie; James Ogilvie, sone to Thomas Ogilvie of Litlekethley.

1683. Oct. 22. John M^c^klean of that ilk; [1] Keneth M^c^keinzie, sone to Sir George M^c^Keinzie off Tarbot; Robert Innes, baillie of Chanonrie off Ross.

1684. July 16. John Scougall, burges of Ed^r^; William Gordon, do.; Androw Irvine, do.; Mr Charles Gordone, governour to my lord Haddo, sone to the deceissed Robert Gordone of Strathloch; Allex^r^ Fraser, advocat in Old Abd.

Oct. 18. [2] David Halyburtoune of Petcur; William Foullertoune of that ilk; James Halyburtone of Fodrans; James Halyburtoune of Buttrakies; Stewart of Banchorie; Mr Archibald Forbes, sone to William, lord Forbes; John Slidders, servitor to Foullertoune; Androw Cuishnie.

1685. Feb. 23. [3] John Montgomrie, measson in Abd.

Apr. 14. Mr James Gray of Balgownie.

Aug. 20. Thomas Forbes, wreitter in Aberdeine.

Oct. 20. Maister Robert Halyburtoune, sone to Maister John Halyburtoune of Densyde.

1686. Feb. 6. John Ross, burgess of Abd., and heritor in Old Abd.; Gilbert Leslie, do.; Patrick Leslie, yor, do.

Mar. 8. Maister James Keyth off Auquhorsk, wreitter to his majesties signet; Walter Gordone, burges of Abd.

June 20. [4] Doctor Allex^r^ Adam, professor of medicine and preacher of the gospell; [5] Mr James Moir, student in philosophie, eldest sone to James Moir in Ferriehill.

1687. Feb. 27. William Duff of , baillie of Invernes; William of Paus, lait baillie of Elgin; Maister Allexander Grant, Commiss^r^ clerk of Murray; Thomas Lyndsay, servitor to the

[1] Afterwards Sir Kenneth McKenzie of Cromarty.

[2] Killed at Killiecrankie with Dundee in 1689.

[3] "For the favour and respect the baillie, the provest and rest of the magistrates of the said citie doe bear and carie towards the sd. John Montgomrie and for good service done be him anent the erecting of the deceissed father in god Patrick Bischop of Aberdeine his Tomb in the cathedrall kirk of Old Machar."

[4] Founded in 1691 two bursaries at Marischal College.

[5] Regent in Marischal College, 1686.

sd. William Duff; Patrick Duncan, servitor to the sd. Maister Allex^{r} Grant.

1687. Mar. 7. Doctor William Sydenhame, englishman; Doctor John Telsone, englishman; David Aidie, at one time baillie of the burgh of Aberdeine; Mr James Gordone, rector of Banchorie Davenick; [1] Mr James Gordone, student in divinity, his son; Mr George Skeene, professor of Philosophy in the King's College.

Mar. 31. Ane honorable man, Maister John Lyndsay of Wormeistoune, Comiss^{r} of St Andrewes; William Postley, his servitor.

Apr. 22. John Erskine, junior, of Dun; Mr Robert Stratone, rector of Ostly; Mr John Dougall, governor to the sd. John Erskyne; Donald McKcnab, his servitor.

1689. June 8. William Farq^{r}sone of Invercauld, student of philosophie; Patrick Leyth of Craighall, do.; Robert Gordone, sone to James Gordone of Seattoune, do.

1690. Apr. 19. Captaine John Haddow, captaine of ane companie of footemen in the Earle of Angus regiment; Captaine James Gilchrist, in the same regiment; Leivetenent James Ballanteine, do.; Leivetenent John Blackater, do.; John Wilsone, ensigne bearer, do.; Francis Heislip, ensigne bearer, do.; John Inglish, ensigne, do.; Captaine John Hoome of Nyn wells, captaine of ane troup of dragoners in my lord Cardros regiment; Caiptaine James Muir, do.

Oct. 24. Ane noble lord, John Lord Elphingstone; Allex^{r} Neiven, his lop^{s} servant.

1691. Oct. 5. Maister James Elphingstone of Logiedurno, Comiss^{r} of Ed^{r}; George Keyth of Creichie; James Mencreiff, collector of th^{r} majesties taxationes in Abd.; Androw Logie, advocat in Abd.

Nov. 12. Mr Wm Cuming, maister of the musick schooll; Mr James Midletone; Mr Andro Aberdeine; Mr John Ritchie.

1692. Jan. 7. Alex^{r} Lindsay of Bellintore, younger; Wm Clark in Cuttieshill in the Merns.

Feb. 20. Sir John Forbes of Craigivar; Francis Forbes, his sone; John Setone, his servitor.

[1] Afterwards Episcopal minister at Montrose.

1693. Apr. 21. George, Lord Rae; Mr Androw Monro, his governour; Lachlan Malcomtosche of that ilk; Maister James Keyth, his governour.

1694. July 4. Robert, Viscount of Arbuthnet; Mr William Dick, his chaplan; David Raite, his servant; Robert, Master of Burlie; Robert Ferrlie, his servant; Mr William Crighton, minister at Fallkirk; Adam Drumond of Megines; James Brodie of that ilk; Mr Dunlop, principall of the Colledge of Glasgoe; Thomas Younge, his servant; Mr William Mackie, minister at Port Maock; Birrell, his servant; Mr James Osburne, minister at Killmarnock; Mr John Spalding, minr at Dundie; Mr Robert Leniglines, minr at Glasgoe; Mr Charles Gordone, minister at Dallmeine; Mr William Boyd, minister at Dallrey; Mr William Livingston, minister at Quathcan; Mr George Trumbell, minister at Alloway; Master David Williamson, minister at Wastkirk; John Wright, his servant; Mr Archibald Riddell, minister at Wdinies; Mr Mungo Watsone, minister at Gladsmoor; Mr Patrick Cuming, minister at Ormiston; Mr John Anderson, minister at Leslie; James Gellan, servant to the said Mr William Boyd.

1698. Oct. 8. Mr William Black, advocat.

Dec. 31. Mr David Lindsay, minr at Cockpen.

1701. Mar. 29. George Keith of Clackriach; Mr Alexr Leslie, advocat in Abd.; [1] Mr Thomas Gordon, sometyme Regent in Glasgow.

Apr. 22. Andrew Fraser of Kinmundy, shirref deput of Abd.; Mr George Fraser, his eldest sone.

Oct. 8. Adam Smith, postmaster of the letter office of Aberdein.

Nov. 22. Hugh Cochran, brother german to the Laird of Ferguslie.

Dec. 31. Alexander Scott, skipper, burges of Aberdein.

1702. Mar. 4. Thomas Lockart, surveyor to the king's customes at Abd.

Apr. 18. Doctor Patrick Vrqrt; Alexr Pittendreich, sone to Alexr Pittendreich in Loanheid of Fedret.

Sept. 1. Sir Alexr Ogilvie of Forgland, cash keeper to his matie; William Garden, his servant.

[1] Son of Patrick Gordon, Professor of Hebrew, King's College.

1702. Sept. 12. Mr Thomas Orem, indweller in Old Abd.; Mr William Gordon, merchant burges of Aberdein, sone to Mr William Gordon, minister at Kintor; Weir, his servitor.

Dec. 19. Mr Robert Gordon of Kinghorn; Master Robert Arbuthnot, merchand in the toun of Rowan in France.

1703. Oct. 21. Alexr Troupt, writter in Edr; Edward Lees in the manufactorie.

1704. July 6. Mr William Elphinston, sone to the Lord Elphinston; Robert Milne, sone to Sir Robert Milne of Barnton.

Aug. 31. Charles Stewart, erle of Murray; Mr Jon Falconer, minister of Carnbie; Alexr Cambell, gentle to the sd. erle; Charles Tulloch, Mr Houshold; Alexr Stewart, page; John Stewart, page to the Countes of Marr; Alexander Adam, valet; Daniell Thomson, musician; George Tulloch, sone to Tannachie.

Oct. 14. James, erle of Panmuir, lord Maull, Brechin and Navarr; Mr George Mauld, factor to the sd. noble erle; Mr Wm Lamb, his gentleman; Wm Scott, servant; William Clerk, do.; John Malcomtosh, do.

1705. Nov. 3. David Dunbar, silversmith in Old Abd.

1706. Sept. 24. Dutches of Gordons attendents.

30. Master Thomas Bower, doctor of Medicin and professor of Mathematicks in the King's Colledge; Mr James Cambell, professor of phisick.

1707. Sept. 20. Mr John Pollard; Mr Will: Rolland; Mr Chas: Wachfeild; Mr Ro: Slaik; Mr Wal: Eliot; Mr Will: Eliot; Mr Gilb: Kerr; Gul: Taillor.

Oct. 6. Ferguison, sone to Walter Ferguson, baillie of Invervrie.

1710. June 29. Mathew Miller, gauger.

Oct. 24. Sir Alexr Cumming of Culter and his servant.

1711. Jan. 13. George Weer, maltman in Old Abd.

Apr. 13. Ferdenand Smart, officer of her Maties excyse in Old Abd.

May 5. James and William Stivens "juvenes generosi".

1712. Aug. 4. [1] Collonell John Midletone.

[1] Of Seaton, and M.P. for Aberdeen Burghs, 1715-39.

1712. Sept. 5. Alex^{r} Cruden, servitour to Mr Arthur Forbes of Shives, Alex^{r} Avis, gauger in Old Abd.; Alexander Gordon of Kinmundie; Mr Lues Gordon, his broth^{r} german; Mr Alex^{r} Burnet, regent in the King's Colledge; Lues Gordon, writer in Ed^{r}, son to the sd. Alex^{r} Gordon of Kinmundy.

Oct. 15. [1] Mr William Dyce, student of divinity in the King's Colledge; Alex^{r} Dyce, both sons to Andrew Dyce, pnt. thes^{r} of Old Abd.; William Aberdeen, youngest son to Mr Andrew Aberdeen in Old Abd.

25. George Scott, indweller.

1719. June 1. Mr John Ker, Professor of Greek in the King's College; Adam Thomson, second son to James Thomson, late baillie.

25. David Caw, younger, in Creef.

July 9. Mr George Chalmers, Principall of the King's College; Mr David Anderson, Professor of Divinity in sd. college; Mr Alexander Mitchell of Colpna, Minister of the Gospel in Old Abd^{n}; Mr William Smith, Minister of the Gospel, y^{r}; [2] John Paton of Grandhome; David Forbes of Lesly; Alexander Hay of Rainiestoun, elder; Mr George Gordon of Rainieshill, Professor of the Orientall Languages in the said College; Mr David Bradfut, Professor of Philosophy in the same; Robert Anderson, Shipmaster at Aberdein; James Anderson, son to the said Mr David Anderson; Alexander and John Mitchell, sons to the said Mr Alex^{r} Mitchell; George Gordon, son to the said Mr George Gordon.

10. Major Generall Joseph Wightman; Jasper Cleyton; Collonel Robt Henry Casimierie Panwell Van Rammings; Major Adrian Pihass; Colonell Robert Riding; Major Kentigern Mathie; Captain Peregrin Thomas Kopson; Captain Charles Strachan; William Hubbald; Jonathan Thomson; Provost John Gordon; Robert Stuart.

17. Mr Sylvester Douglas of Whiterigs; [3] Mr Robert Douglas, Minister of the Gospell, son to umq^{ll} [4] , Bishop of Dunblain.

Oct. 29. Collonel John Buchan of Cairnbuilg [on] his accept-

[1] Afterwards minister of Belhelvie. [2] Rector of King's College, 1728-34.
[3] Minister at Bothwell but deprived at the Revolution. [4] Robert Douglas.

ance as Provost of Old Abd^{n}; Captain James Abercrombie in Edgertouns Regiment of Foot; George Hutcheon, servitor to the sd. Coll. John Buchan.

1719. Nov. 11. Mr Alexander Anderson, Doctor of Phisick and Minister of the Gospell at Duffus; Hugh Anderson, son to the said Mr Alex^{r} Anderson.

1727. Aug. 29. The Honourable [1] Mr Hugh Dalrymple of Drummore, one of the Senators of the College of Justice; John Dalrymple, his son; Mr John Horne of Westhall, Advocat; Mr William Grant, Advocat.

1728. Mar. 18. Mr Fairfax Erskine; Mr William Fraser; Mr James Hay; Gerard McKenzie; Archibald Seton; William Fraser; Mr Alex^{r} Rait; Mr William Fraser of Fraserfield; [2] Thomas Gordon, son to Professor Gordon.

Apr. 28. James Guthrie of Craigie, and mer^{t} in Dundee.

Aug. 10. William Davidson, merchant in Rotterdam; William Shirres, mer^{t}, and Dean of Gild of Aberdein.

Sept. 30. Alexander Forbes, son to the deceast Sir William Forbes of Craigievar.

1729. Sept. 13. James Findlater, Mer^{t} in London; Alexander Seller, Shipmaster there; George Douglas of Whiterigs.

Dec. 3. George Brodie, Liev^{t} in the Earl of Stairs Regiment of Dragoons; Hercules Leis, Quarter Master, do.; William Urquhart of Meldrum.

1730. Jan. 17. Patrick Duff of Premnay, Esquire.

Apr. 29. Master George Mackay, son to my Lord Reay; Æneas Mackay, servant to the said Lord Reay.

May 11. Thomas Buchan of Auchmacoy.

25. Alexander Walker, chirurgeon in Hardgate.

Dec. 4. Cosmo George, Duke of Gordon; Charles Gordon, son to the deceast Alexander, Duke of Gordon; Mr Robert Symers, Governor to the sd. Cosmo George, Duke of Gordon; Mr Alexander Dunbar, Preceptor to the sd. Duke and Lord Charles, and John Hamilton, Secretary to the sd. Duke.

1731. Mar. 8. Hugh Ross, Cornet in Sir James Campbell of Laurs,

[1] Second son of Sir Hugh Dalrymple, President of the Court of Session.

[2] Regent, and in 1739 Humanist at King's College.

his Regiment of Scots Gray Dragoons; Mark Ker, Quarter Master, do.

1731. Sept. 30. Robert Inglis, Shipmaster in Kinghorn.

1732. Mar. 11. John Master of Pitsligo; Alexander Moir of Scotstoun; James Massie, ser^{t} to sd. Master.

Apr. 8. Mr Andrew Ker, Minister of the Gospell at Turreff.

May 13. Hugh Fraser, Shipmaster in Bristoll; Doctor John Fraser, Phisitian.

July 20. George Middleton, merchant in London.

Aug. 9. Wardlaw of Abden; John Smith, merchant in Aberdein.

Sept. 25. John Gifford, younger, of Busta; Mr Alexander Mitchell, Minister of the Gospell at Zetland; James Keith, eldest son to James Keith, younger, of Bruxie.

Oct. 31. James Gordon of Balbithan.

Nov. 2. James Fraser, mer^{t} in Inverness.

29. Mr Patrick Cockburn, Minister of the Gospell of St. Pauls chapell at Abd^{n}; Mr William Losh, Minister of the Gospell, chaplain to the Duke of Gordon.

28. Henry David, Lord Cardross and Auchterhouse, eldest son to David, Earl of Buchan; William Fraser of Frasercfield; [1] James Moir, younger, of Stonneywood; Archibald Sommervell, servant to the said Lord Cardross.

1733. Oct. 19. William Arnot, second son to Sir John Arnot; Mr Alex^{r} Rait, Professor of Mathematicks in the King's College of Aberdein; Mr James Mitchell, Minister of the Gospell of St. Machar; Mr James Molyson, Master of the Musick Schooll of Old Abd.

Nov. 14. Robert Farq^{r}son of Finzean; Francis Farq^{r}son, yor, thereof; William Farq^{r}son, second son to Finzean, elder.

1734. Apr. 3. James Stephen, chirurgeon in Generall Thomas Whithams Regiment of Foott.

Aug. 17. George Middleton, son to Collonel John Middleton of Seaton; Dr James Gregorie, Professor of Physick in the King's College of Abd^{n}.

[1] Out in the '15, and father of James IV. of Stoneywood who took a prominent part in the '45.

1734. Oct. 7. James Lidderdale of Tores, Collector of Excise in Aberdein; John Dale, Generall Supervisor of Excise there.

1735. Mar. 4. Charles Stephen, Ensign in the Earl of Rothes his Regiment of Foott.

Apr. 5. Thomas Burnet of Kirkhill; James Burnet, son to the deceast Thomas Burnet of Kirkhill; Andrew Burnet, Wryter to the Signet.

May 29. William Dalmahoy of Revelrigs.

June 28. Mr William Mair, Minister of the Gospell at Holm in the Orcknies.

Aug. 29. Robert Hart, Lievt in the Earl of Effingham his Regiment of Foott.

1736. Jan. 8. John McKenzie, son to John, sometime Earl of Cromarty.

31. Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk; Thomas Wilson, Wryter in Aberdein.

Mar. 15. Mr John Lumsden, Professor in Divinity in the King's College of Aberdein; John Cuming, Student in Theoligie there.

Apr. 12. Mr John Forbes, Minister of the Gospell at Old Deer.

July 5. Alexander Udny of that ilk; Mr John Udny, Advocat; William Grant, servant to the sd. Alexander Udny.

Aug. 14. Mr Theodor Gordon, Minister of the Gospell at Cabrach.

1737. Mar. 24. David Cuthbert, yor, of Rosehall; Robert Burnet, younger, of Leyes.

May 16. Major George Walsh in Genll Wm Barrell his Regiment of Foott; Captain John Nott in sd. Cohoir; Lievt George Gordon in the late Earl of Orkneys Regiment of Foott; Thomas Colier; Lievt Charles Menzies, Ensign; Mr Henry Whitefield, Chaplain in said Generall Wm Barrells Regiment.

July 16. [1] John Gordon of Glenbuicket.

Nov. 18. William Lindsay, merchant in London; Thomas Paul mercht in Aberdein.

1738. May 20. Alexander Middleton, merchant in Bosstoun; John Douglas, mert in Abd.

[1] One of the prominent leaders of the '45.

1738. June 15. Mr Archibald Campbell, Professor of Divinity and History in the University of St. Andrews; Mr George Logan, Minister of the Gospell at Ed^r^; Alex^r^ Farq^r^son of Monaltry; Ro^t^ Farq^r^son, his son.

Aug. 4. [1] James Moir, yor, of Stonnywood; John Davidson, merchant in Rotterdam; Mr William Fordyce, Dean of Gild of Aberdein.

Sept. 13. William Cunningham of Austines Keith; Mr Robert Molyson, Collector of Excise at Air.

1739. Jan. 4. John Farq^r^son of Invercauld; Francis Farq^r^son, second son to Alexander Farq^r^son of Monaltry.

May 16. [2] Charles Maitland of Pitrischie, Advocat; Doctor James Gordon of Hiltoun, Professor of Phisick in the Marischall College.

Aug. 17. Mr William Crosse, Advocat before the Supreme Courts.

Dec. 4. William Irvine, Comptroller of the Customs at Lervick in Sihetland; Patrick Tolmie, Shipmaster in Aberdein; George Symrs, merchant there; James Deans, do.

1740. Apr. 11. George Paton of Grandhome; James Catanach, Advocate in Aberdeen.

June 24. Charles Reid, law^l^ son to the deceast Alex^r^ Reid of Glassell; William Gordon of Govell.

July 19. James Simpson, eldest son of John Simpson in Old Aberdeen.

21. James Wardlaw, Shipmaster; William Wardlaw, younger, of Abden; Mr James Chalmers, Professor of Divinity in Aberdein.

Oct. 3. Murdo M^c^Kenzie, younger, of Ardross; Thomas Moir, Shipmaster in Aberdein.

Nov. 1. [3] John, Lord Dalmeny, eldest son of James, earl of Roseberry; Revd John Chalmers, his Tutor.

11. George Gordon of Hallhead, Esquire; John Thomson, Supervisor Generall of Excise; Patrick Souper, mer^t^ in Aberdein; George Mitchell, Officer of Excise there.

[1] *Cf.* entry on 28th November, 1732. [2] M.P. for Aberdeen Burghs, 1748-51.
[3] Died in his father's lifetime.

1740. Nov. 26. George Cattanach, merchant in London; William Baxter, Shipmaster in Aberdein.

1741. Feb. 12. George Abernethy, Baillie of Banff.

May 18. Alexander Robertson, Esquire, Provost of Aberdein; George Chalmers, Wryter to the Signet; John Kenderly, an English Gentleman.

28. Captain Thomas Ogilvie.

June 15. William Smith, Secretary to the Illustrious Prince, the Duke of Argile; William Walker, Litster in Aberdein.

Sept. 10. Captain Charles Joffroys; Major Gaspar Clayton.

Oct. 15. Sir William Forbes, Knight Baronet, Professor of the Civil Law in the King's College of Aberdein; James Stuart of Dens; [1] Neill Primrose, son to the Honob[l] the Earl of Roseberry.

1742. June 9. Thomas Forbes of Echt; John Fullarton of Dudwick; William Orem of London, merch[t].

Sept. 21. Adam Smith, Genl[l], Inspector of the Customs of Scotland; John Lindsay, Shipmaster in Antigo.

Oct. 2. Walter Hay, Shipmaster, son to the Laird of Arnbath.

Dec. 16. John Catanach of Modera.

1743. Mar. 10. Patrick Lesly, mer[t] in Roseharty.

Apr. 18. John M[c]Kleod of Tallaskir, Esq[r]; John Gregory, Student of Medicine.

June 2. James Burnet, yo[r], of Monbodda, Advocat; Charles Hamilton Gordon of Milnetoun, Advocat.

4. James Johnston, merchant of London.

1744. July 18. M[r] John Coupar, Minister of the Gospell at Montrose; Mr. James Walker, Minister of the Gospell at Dunnottar.

Oct. 3. Archibald Scot, Chyrurgeon in Mussleburgh; M[r] James Smith, Minister at Newburn.

Nov. 27. Captain Arthur Forbes of Echt.

1745. June 4. Nicholas Mumeley, Esqr, Devon; Robert Sinclair, Student in Divinity.

1746. Oct. 18. John Alexander, Town Clerk.

1749. Oct. 5. M[r] Alexander Dunlop, Professor of Oriental languages in Glasgow University; Henry Midleton, son of D[r] George

[1] Afterwards third earl of Roseberry.

Midleton of Seton; Mr Alexander Lumsden, Surgeon, son of Revd John Lumsden, Professor of Divinity in Aberdeen University.

No date. Mr Hannet Bennet, Student in Divinity, King's College.

1750. July 17. Thomas Forbes of Tillienaught; Mr Walter Ogilvy, son to the Earl of Airly; Mr James Ogilvy, Student in Divinity at King's College; Mr Roderick McLeod, Professor of Philosophy at King's College; Mr George Bartlet, minister at Old Aberdeen; Lieut Alexander Skene of the Royal Navy; Mr Peter Docker, baillie and merchant in Banff; Mr George Philp, baillie and merchant in Banff.

Oct. . [1] Hon. Mr David Dalrymple, Advocate, Sheriff of Aberdeenshire; Alexander Aberdein of Cairnbulg; Charles Forbes of Sheils; John Thomson, servant to Mr Dalrymple; James Robertson, servant to Dr George Midleton of Seton.

1752. Sept. 29. Mr Thomas Reid; Mr Wm Thom, Advocate.

1753. Oct. 26. Broughton, Collector of Excise; John Finlayson, Supervisor of Excise; James Roult, Tanner; Mr Far, Student in Medicine.

1754. July 27. Sir Alexander Forbes of Foveran, Barronett; Edward Broughton, Esqr, Brother to Collector Broughton; Dr Archibald Hamilton, Physician in Edinr; Baylie, Esqr, of .

Sept. 23. Mr John Hyndman, Minister of St. Cuthberts, or the West Kirk, Edinr; Mr John Leslie, Professor of Greek in the King's College of Aberdeen.

1755. Aug. 11. The Honbl Eduard Whitmore, Esquire, Lieut Collonell; Hugh Morgan, Esq, Captain; Alexr Duncan, Esq, Lieutennant; all of Lord Robt Manners Regt of Foot at Aberdeen.

Oct. 1. The Reverend Mr Patrick Duff, one of the ministers of Old Machar; Mr James Paterson, Master of the Musick School there.

1759. Sept. 25. The Right Honbl Earl of Erroll, Lord High Constable of Scotland; The Right Honbl Lord Auchinleck; The Right Honbl Lord Alemoor; The Honbl Capt Lockart Gordon; John Pringle of Crichton, Esqr; Mr Walter Stewart, Advocate.

[1] Provost in 1753, and afterwards Lord Westhall.

1760. Oct. 25. James Watson, writer in Abd^{n}, being then chosen Clerk to the Town, was admitted Burges.

1762. May 15. Alexander Fraser of Streichen; Lieu^{t} John Murray of Lord Sutherlands Hilland Reg^{t}; Major Campbell and Lieu^{t} Campbell of Campbells or Argyleshyre Militia; John Clerk of Kincardine; Chas Abercrombie, Commissary Clerk Dep^{t} of Edin^{r}.

1763. William Geddes, Supervisor in Abdn; Alex^{r} Baird, mer^{t} in Keith: James Kirkland of Edin^{r}, Alex^{r} Simson, do., Bank Clerks; William Younger, Mr Lees, Mr Ogilvie, Supervisors of Excise; James Brown, Staymaker, Ed^{r}; Mr Ballingall, School Mr Old Abdn.

1764. Glenbucket; William Gordon, Esqr; John Paton, Grandholm; [1] Thos Buchan, Achmacoy; Mr Alex^{r} Temple; Capt Robert Clark; Robt Gordon of Halhead; Geo. Gordon, Youn^{r}. y^{r}of; Thomas Lendrum of Virginia.

Apr. John Lambourn, Gentl^{m}.

Aug. John Bean, Maltman.

1765. Sept. [2] Hugh McLean of Coal [Coll], Esqr; Lieu^{t} Robt Hay; Josua Johnston, Merch^{t} in Glasgow; Arch^{d} Torrens, Merch^{t} there; John Burnet of Campfield.

1766. Sept. 23. Mr Willm Thom, Adv^{t}, Doctor of Civil Law; Professors or Regents Willm Ogilvie and Ja^{s} Dumbar; James Stronach, Shoemaker.

1767. Oct. 28. Mr John Orchieston, School M^{r}; John Brown, Thread Manufacturer.

1768. July 30. James Mosley of Abdn; John Mosley of Kendall in England; Norman Johnston of Abd^{n}.

1769. Jan. . The Hon^{bl} Mr Chas. Boyd, Brother to Lord Erroll.

May 31. Hon^{bl} Sir Alex^{r} Gordon, Knight of Lesmore.

Sept. 14. Conveener Donaldson; Mr Selbie of Phimmer.

1771. Apr. 29. Lord Erroll; Lord Hay; Generall Scott.

1772. Sept. 22. Boyd Porterfield of Ducholl, Esq.

1775. Oct. 13. Captain Alex^{r} Geary; Alex^{r} McLean, younger, of Coll: Mr And^{r} Johnston, Preacher; Mr Robt Garrioch, Barber.

[1] Provost, 1767-69. [2] Provost, 1778-84.

1777. Dec. . Provost James Jopp; Professor Al. Gerard; Provost John Duncan; Bailie John Auldjo.

1779. Sept. 30. Mr Burnet of Kemnay, Junr.

1780. Oct. . Dr Dav. Ogilvie; Capt Wm Thain, Ship Mr; Capt Rod. McKleod, Coll; Revd Mr Dunbar, Second Minr of Old Abd.

Nov. 25. John Smith, Esqr, of Warwickshire.

1781. Oct. 1. James Forbes, Esqr, of New.

1782. Oct. William Alexr Hay, son of L. Rot; Mr. John Ewan.

Nov. 5. Alexr Messon, vintner in Abdn; James Chalmers, Printer.

Dec. 9. George Forbes, coppersmith in Abd.; William Smith, mercht; James Fiddes, Lieut. of Engineers.

1783. Sept. 1. Christopher Luoden, Esq. of Auchtermeony; Geo. Tichner Hardy, Esq., of London; John Clark, Esqr, London.

Oct. 15. Sir John Reid, Baronet, Lieutenant in the Royal Navy; Captain John Ferguson, late of the Borvick man of war.

20. Capt. Norman McKleud of Coll; Alexr McKleud, his Brother, younger of Coll; Reverend Mr Dav. Dyce, Preacher of the Gospell.

1785. Mar. 5. Reverend Mr Skene Ogilvie, Minr of Old Aberdeen.

12. Wm Duguid, mercht, Abdn.; Alexr Gordon, Abdn.; John Watson, Writer, Abdn.

1787. Sept. 29. Lieut. Alexr Mathieson; Lieut. Francis Mowat; Alexr Milne, Junr, mercht.

1788. June 20. [1] Revd Mr Alexr Henderson.

July 25. Thos Tulloch, Esqr, from India.

1789. Aug. 10. Willm Wederburn, the messon that built the Town house.

29. Revd Mr John Skinner, Minr at Longside; Bishop John Skinner at Abdn, his son; Doctor John Farqrson, son of Allanaquich.

Sept. 5. [2] Professor Robert Eden Scott; Robert Donald, Esqr; James Allardyce, mercht; John Henderson, do.

10. John Dingwell, Junr, mercht and Theasaurer of New Abdn.

[1] Admitted to second charge, Old Machar, 1788.

[2] Provost, 1801-8.

1789. Sept. 19. James Harvie at Mains of Seaton.
Oct. 5. Hon^{bl} Doctor Robert Lingland of Edin^{r}.
24. Captain Joseph Burnett of the East India Company service.

1790. Dec. 18. Professor Alex^{r} Bell, O. L.; Capt Robt Allan; Benjamin Smith, Esqr.

1791. July 30. Dr Gilbert Gerard, Pro. of Greek; Captain Wm Mathieson; Dr James Anderson, his brother in Law, Medicus.
Aug. 13. Revd Mr And^{r} Brown, minister at Tarland; Revd Mr Geo. Grant, 2nd minister of Old Abd^{n}; John Leslie, Esqr, India.
20. Mr John Gray, School master, Old Aberdeen.

1792. Jan. 20. Alex^{r} Smith, Iron Monger, son of Mr James Smith.
Apr. 26. Alex^{r} Brymer, merch^{t} in Hallifax, Nova Scotia.
Oct. 4. Rev^{d} Dr. Hugh McLleod of Glassgo—Professor.

1793. Nov. 1. Sir Wm Seton, Pitmeden; Captain Lachlan McLlean, of Isle of Monk; Doctor Alex^{r} Bannermen of King's College; Doctor Alex^{r} Dawney of King's College.

1794. Oct. 4. Alex^{r} Fraser, Frasers; Duncan Mitchall, Thainston; Professor H. McMferson; [1] Professor Wm Jack; Mr John Egton.

1797. Nov. 3. Robt Caie, merch^{t}, Abd^{n}; Wm Allan, do.
Dec. 5. Revd Mr Alex. Simpson, O. Abd^{n}.

1799. Nov. 14. Revd Mr Wm Mackenzie; John Clark, Esquire; Mr Androw Angus; Mr James Gordon, Physician.

1800. Oct. 7. R^{t} Honb^{l} Lord Balgonie; Alex. McKenzie, Esquire; Julius Augustus Leuchte, Esq.; Wm Smith, Esquire; Mr James Bentley, P.G.G.; Dr James Bannerman, M.D.; Lt Col. Fra. Stewart; Lt Col. N. D. Fraser; John Blaikie, Plumber.

1801. Jan. 8. Ja. Shearer, Esqr, Genl P. O. Edin^{r}.
Apr. 13. Pat. Wright, residing in O. Abd^{n}.
June 17. David Mitchell, Esqr, of Holloway Down, County of Essex in England. Founder of the Hospital.

1802. Aug. 12. Dr James Finlayson; Dr Robert Dickson.
Sept. 30. Capt Wm Finlayson.
Nov. 9. Robt Milne, Printfield.

[1] Provost, 1809, etc.

1803. Oct. 6. Prof. Wm Duncan.
1806. Jan. 2. W. Corbit, Supervisor.
Oct. 2. Robert Forbes, Esqr; [1]Geo. McInnes, Esqr; Evan McLachlan, Esqr; Revd Alex. Walker.
8. Col. John Gerard; Alex. Gerard, mercht, London.
1807. May 19. John Johnston, manuf.
Oct. 2. Robert Gibb, mercht, Abdn.
1808. Oct. 6. Alex Thomson, Esqr.
8. Jas. Troup, Supervisor of Excise; John Bruce, Excise officer.
Dec. 30. Alex Mitchell, Esqr, London.
1810. Mar. 20. Al. Anderson, Seton of Mounie.
Sept. 18. Genl Honbl D. Leslie, 48th Foot.
1812. Mar. Thos. Kilgour, Esqr; Thos. Dumbreck, Esqr.
Sept. Arch. Napier, Esqr; George Anderson, Esqr, of London.
Oct. 26. Robt Barclay, Esqr; Peter Ritchie, mercht; James Smith, do.
1813. Apr. 10. Alex Young, Esqr.
1814. Sept. John Thomson, O. Aberdn.
1815. June P. Robertson, mercht.
Oct. Prof. John Tulloch, Old Abdn.
1817. Mar. Thos. Turriff, Esqr.
Aug. Honbl Wm Twisliton; Geo. A. F. Dawhone, Esqr; Edwd W. Hay, Esqr.
1818. Oct. Geo. Primrose, Esqr.
1819. Apr. Jo. Blaikie, Junr, Plumber.
Oct. Robert Hunter, Esqr; Alex Ure, Esqr; Dr Duncan Mearns.
Nov. Henry Forbes of Fraserfield.
1820. Apr. Alex Forbes, Esqr, mcrcht; Alex Milne, Esqr.
1821. Oct. Dr James Smith; Geo. McNaughton, Esqr.
1822. Oct. William Cruickshank; Jo. Leslie of Powis; [2]Ja. Buchan of Auchmacoy; Prof. Hercules Scott; Mr W. Gerard, Old Abdn.; Dr Clapperton; Mr W. Aikman; Major Geo. Turner.
1823. Apr. Alex. Allan, Advt; Arch. Norman McLeod.

[1] Provost, 1813, etc. [2] Provost, 1830.

1823. Aug. Lord James Hay.

1824. Sept. Wemyss Orrock, Esqr; Alex. Bannerman, Esqr; Pat. Pirie, Esqr; Adam Mitchell, Teacher; Wm Duguid, do.

1828. Sept. Alexander Mitchell, Cashier of the Aberdeen Town and County Bank; William Reid, manufacturer, Gordon's Mills.

1829. Sept. 29. Revd William Masson, Botriphnie; John Collie, teacher; Alexander George, merchant.

Oct. 1. Col. Sinclair; Revd Wm Paul; George S. Anderson.

1830. Oct. 4. Revd Mr Smith.

1831. Oct. 4. Mr Forsyth, Old Abd^{n}; Sir Michael Bruce, Barn^{t}.

1834. Sept. 9. [1] Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord High Chancellor of England.

Oct. 27. Revd Dr Fleming.

1838. Sept. 20. Earl of Aberdeen; Lord F. Egerton.

Oct. 4. Dr James Gordon, Jr.

Nov. 10. Col. McKenzie Fraser of Castle Fraser.

1839. Oct. 3. Dr William Gregory.

1843. Oct. 5. David Monro.

1845. Apr. 22. Dr Andrew Fyfe; Robert Dyce; Alexander Falconer, Grammar School; H. Smith, Bell's School.

1847. Oct. 4. Dr Robt Daun; Professor David Thomson; Revd James Leslie; Professor MacGillivray; Professor J. S. Blackie.

1848. Sept. 4. His Royal Highness Prince Albert.

Oct. 6. Hugh Leslie of Powis; Captn Lewis Leslie; Professor Geo. Ferguson; Robert Polson, Surgeon.

1849. Apr. 28. Revd Mr Wood; Professor Andrew Scott; Mr J. G. Dawson.

Oct. 1. Henry C. Oswald; Charles George; James Nicol, Jr.

1851. Mar. 1. Captn Fordyce, M.P.

Oct. 2. John Clark, Advocate; James Adam, Editor of Abdn. Herald; John Leask, Rector of Grammar School, Old Abd^{n}; Captn James Forbes.

1852. Oct. 7. Professor Frederick Fuller; Rev. Dr Robert McPherson; Rev. Alexander Anderson.

1855. Oct. 4. Very Rev. Principal Peter Colin Campbell, King's College; James Leask, Advocate; David Lyon, Railway Contractor.

[1] Lord Rector of Marischal College.

1856. Oct. 2. Professor William Duguid Geddes, King's College; George Ramage, Teacher.
1858. Sept. 30. Rev. George Jamieson.
1859. Oct. 6. David R. Morice, Advocate.
1862. Oct. 2. Professor Milligan; James George.
1863. Oct. 1. Moses Birnie; Henry Martyn Barker; Rev. Thomas Gardiner.
1866. Oct. 4. Alex. Hay; John Watt, Junr.
1867. Oct. 3. Dr Trail; Dr Struthers.
1870. Oct. 6. James Turnbull.
1871. Oct. 5. Professor John Black.
1874. Oct. 1. Arthur D. Morice; William Forbes; Douglas Wimberley; George Sinclair.
1875. Sept. 30. William Mowat; Charles T. Glover.
1876. Oct. 5. Charles Warrack.
1877. Oct. 4. Very Rev. Principal Pirie.
1879. Oct. 2. Professor George Pirie; Professor James W. H. Trail; Charles J. Burnet; James Nicol; Rev. John Calder; Rev. Donald M. McAlister.
1880. Sept. 30. Professor John Christie; William Tough.
1881. Oct. 6. John Clarke.
1882. Oct. 5. Charles Niven; Hugh Henderson; James Donaldson.
1883. Oct. 4. Ferguson.
1884. Oct. 2. Alex^{r} Anderson.
1886. Apr. 12. Alex^{r} Cumming.
Sept. 30. James Thomson; Charles Mackie; James Roger; Donald M. Taylor.
1887. Oct. 6. Alexander Walker.
1888. Oct. 5. Rev. Professor Alex^{r} Stewart; Robert Walker, Librarian; William Donaldson; Alex^{r} Macfarlane.
1889. Oct. 3. Alexander Christie; William Greig; John Smith.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE MERCHANT AND TRADE SOCIETIES.

I.—Merchant Society.

1. *Grant by Bishop Patrick in favour of the Merchants Society for a loft in the Cathedral.—11th December*, 1680.[1]

We Patrick by the mercy of God Bishop of Aberdene Superior of the Citie of Old Aberdene Forsaemeikle As there was ane petition presented to us by the Merchands of the said Citie underwriten viz: Alexander Fraser, William Hamiltoun, John Ross, Robert Low, John Cowper, Robert and William Milnes, William Layng, Thomas Taylor, John Gray, John Leslie, Andrew Robertson, Duncan Cassie, James Johnstoune, James Knight, George Henderson, James Shepherd, Gilbert Gray, Alexander Simpsone, William Henderson, John Lawrenson, James Chrystie, James Thomson, Thomas Leslie, John Smith, James Fiddes, George Cuming, Alexander Stewart, Alexander Pyet, George Taylor, George Rosse, George Ronald, John Crevie, Alexander Robertson, David Grive, John Innes, John Rose yor for themselves and in name and behalf of those who are and shall hereafter be admitted Merchand Burgesses of the said Citie, Bearand that whereas the Merchands of the said Citie are now become more numerous than heretofore and by the blessing of God in a better condition than formerly are notwithstanding that the severall Trades of the Towne have particular places alloted to them in the Cathedral Church of St Machar and accordingly have built convenient dasks for their own accomodations And that the saids petitioners have as yet no place assigned to them whereas were there ane convenient place appointed for building of ane loft they inclyned and resolved to build ane sufficient handsome

[1] From the original in the possession of the Merchant Society.

CHANONRY, TOWN HOUSE, AND DON STREET,
OLD ABERDEEN, 1898.
From a Photograph.

Loft for their own accommodation And lykewayes ane convenient seat in the most eminent part of the said Loft for the use of the Magistrats of the said Citie And obleidged themselves to begin and compleat the samen with all convenient diligence after warrand should be granted for that effect Lykeas We upon the Twenty fyft day of November Mvj and eighty years having seen and considered the foresaid petition did refer and commit to the Masters of the K: Colledge, Magistrats of the said Citie and Minister and Elders of the Kirk Session of Old Aberdeen to meet and consider the most convenient place for erecting the said Loft and accordinly they having met, did make the report underwriten viz: that the most convenient place for erecting the said Loft is betwixt the comon Loft and the Seat formerly belonging to Gordon of Birsemoire and lastlie possest be the deceast George Cruikshank of Berriehill Provyding that the saids Merchands shall take out the stones and Lyme out of the window at the sd. designed Loft and fill the samen again with glass and mantain and uphold the samen in all tyme comeing least the light of the Church might be prejudged Which erport subscribed by the saids Masters, Magistrats, Minister and ane competent member of the elders of the said Session commissionat for that effect at more length All Which We having duely considered and advysed do find the desyre of the above written petition most reasonable and just and that the place designed in the foresaid report is proper fit and convenient for the uses aforesaids In respect whereof we have given and granted Lykeas We be the tenour hereof give and grant to the saids petitioners full power liberty and warrand to erect and build ane sufficient Loft in the place above designed upon the conditions mentioned in the foresaid Report Declaring hereby that the saids Magistrats and their successors and the Merchands of the said Citie shall bruik and possess the said Loft peaceably and quyetly in all tyme comeing but trouble or molestation With this express provision that the saids Merchands shall not have liberty to permit any citizen in Old Aberdene or indweller within the parish of St Machar to sit in the said Loft who are not merchand-traders within the said Citie excepting these who have already subscryved the above written petition In Witness whereof thir presents (written be John Ross our servitor) are given under our hand att our Citie of Old Aberdene the elevinth day of December Mvj eighty years before witnesses James Scowgall

our son. Master Alexander Brown and the said John Ross our servitor our Seal being hereto affixt.

2. *Extracts from Minutes.*[1]

22 July 1700.

Wee under subscriveit merchants in Old Abd. being mett in the Counsell house of the sd. city munday the tuentie second of Jully 1700 years have unanimously condescended that wee shall joyne in ane incorporatione and fraternity as wes formerly instituted and erected in anno 1680 And wee herby obliedge ourselves to joyn and concurr in all proposalls formerly made or to be made for supporting and encouraging our fraternity and particularly for rebuilding the loaft in the Church formerly belonging to our fraternity when it shall be found expedient As also to pay our yearly penies as formerly viz fourteen Shilling scots mony ilke person yearly with what earnest penies wee shall happen to receve at the selling of any bargan w^{t}all wee obliedge ourselves to meet quarterly when called by the preses and have instantly choosen James Knight bailie in Old Abd. our preses Alex^{r} Molysone our boxmaster w^{t} any foure assessors he shall choose by the advice of the fraternity qch offices are to continue for the space of ane year and Mr Andrew Aberdeen our clerke and heirby the first meeting is appointed to be at lambas nixt in this instant year of God 1700. I I.

23 August 1701.

The whilk day it wes statute and ordained by the preses w^{t} ane unanimous consent of the whole fraternity then pnt. that the money collected at that tyme or to be collected in the future be put in the publict box belonging to the sd. fraternity and not to be disposed on or taken out of the sd. box w^{t}out the consent and assent of the whole fraternity or at least the plurality of them first hade and obtained thereto and that the same might be made effectuall the box wes locked in face of all pnt. w^{t} tuo sea^{ll} locks and keyes conform on of which keys wes delivered to James Knight preses to the sd. meeting and the other to

[1] The first volume has got stamped on the outside covers—" This Book is gifted be Rot: Milne for a Record of the merchts in Old Abd: 1686:" and " Ia: Thomson Boxe Keiper and Thasvrer for the Town 1686".

Alex^{r} Molyson boxmaister to the sd. fraternity and that w^{t} consent of all then pnt. to be keeped by them for the space of ane year viz to lambas 1702 to qch tyme the sds James Knight and Alex^{r} Molyson were w unanimous consent elected and choosen to continue in ther sea^{ll} offices @ment. 2do The sd. Alex^{r} Molyson as boxmaster wes ordained by the preses and rest of the fraternity to fynd sufficient caut^{ie} that the mony collected or to be collected by him during his office shall be made effectuall and furth comand and shall not be delapidat or put away any manner of way by him w^{t}out the consent forsd. in obedience to qch ordina^{o}ne the sd. Alex^{r} Molyson did instantlie fynd James Mill and Mr Andrew Aberdene mert^{s} in Old Abd. cautioners for that effect as likwyse that the sd. Alex^{r} Molyson and his cau^{rs} should give in ther bond to be keeped in the box at the nixt meeting qch is ordained to be at Mertimass nixt or ther about in this pnt. year of God 1701 3° James Knight preses Alex^{r} Molyson boxm^{r} George Laing Robert Clerk and James Mill were ordained and appointed by the whole meeting to goe and visite and sight the tymber of the mer^{t} loaft and to address the Church session of Old Machar for liberty to sett the tymber of the sd. loaft in some fitt and convenient place of the sd. Church that therby the ruine and utter spoling of the sd. loaft timber might be prevented and to give in ther Report by nixt meeting. I 9.

6 December 1707.

The said day conforme to appoyntment the preses, boxmaster and several others of the Community of the Merchants in Old Aberdeen, haveing meet and Bailie Molyson preses to the Communitie, represented to the meeting, that in regard some of there number, were reduced to straits on which account applica^{o}n being made to him and several others of the said Community, for a supply to them out of the present found. Which representation being duely and deliberatly considered by the meeting, and after serious reasoning upon that head The vote was thus stated, whither or not the present found should be broken for supplyin the straits of those belonging to the Community, for whom applica^{o}n had been made, or otherwyse, and it was by ane unanimous consent and vote of the meeting carried in the negative and upon this account that in regard the said found belonging to the forsd. Community was but at present in its infancy, neither was the present tyme a tyme of scarcity,

and by breakeing the said found, on this juncture it would be a precedent for others, to plead for the like priviledge, but that none of ther Community might labour under great straits, the meeting signyfyed there willingness to contribut voluntarly out of there own pockets for there supply rather than breake there forsd. found and crush it in the end I 19.

13 NOVEMBER 1708.

The said day the Meeting haveing visited there Booke and subscribents therein do find that by mistake there are some names of the subscribents now dead obliterat and scor'd viz Baillie Knights and George Hatts with which the meeting were dissatisfied, and discharged the lyke practisses to be allowed for the future and hereby did enact and ordain that Mr Wm Crystie present clerke and his successors in office who may be elected clerks to the said Society and Fraternity of Merchants that he and his successors in office clerks to the sd. Fraternity shall keep the booke intire and present it so at every meeting, and further the preses. and meeting doe declare that the forsd. two names viz Baillie Knights and George Hatts so obliterate shall be holden and reput in all tyme comeing as if they were standing intire. I 21.

20 JUNE 1714.

The haill members of the sd. Incorporatione being all called to the sd. Court and being mostlie conveened and subscryveing heirto Ther were proposalls of accommodatione made and given to the sd. meeting for removeing the differences betwixt Mr Alexr Fraser of Powies and the members of the sd. Incorporatione and Inhabitants of the sd toune anent the decreit of thirladge of multures obtained be the sd. Mr Fraser as Heretor of Gordonsmill agt some of the fewers merchants and maltmen incorporat as above and anent the proces depending befor the Lords of Sessione of reductione of the sd. decreit and declaration of immunity at the instance of the sds fewers mercht^s and maltmen agt the sd. Mr Fraser. Which proposalls being read in presence of the sd. Community and they being well advysed therwith and finding the same to be altogither reasonable and being more willing to submitt in the termes thereof then to prosecute the sd. proces being both expensive tedious

and the conclusione uncertain did and heirby doe unanimously empower warrand and commission William Baxter preses William Menzies at Mill of Gilcomstoune William Hatt maltman and fewer Andrew Dyce fewer and late Theas^{r} James Pantoun fewer and late Theas^{r} and George Aberdeen fewer and maltman with James Duguid and another to be named by the trades of the said City to signe and subscryve with the sd. Mr Alexander Fraser ane full and ample submissione impowering David Forbes of Lesly and William Erskine of Pittodrie to decide the forsaid contraversy anent the multures of the sd. toune not only grana crescentia but also inveata et illata not only for tymes bygone but also in all tyme comming and also to give and pronunis ther decreit arbitrall theruntill and them to appoynt and ordain how the Mill of Gordonsmill mill lands multures and others shall be bestowed and disposed off in tyme comming. I. 38.

19 NOVEMBER 1719.

And in reguaird ther ar severall members of the sd. Community who without any ground obstrepeously refuise to make payment of ther yearly contribution wherby the publict is at a great loss and yet therefter the sds. outstanders may claim als good title and right therto and they with other new incomers may out vote those who have punctually payed since ther being receaved into the sd. Community For preventing wherof the Communitee renewes and homolagats the Act made 15 Nov^{er} Mvij and fourteen years and 20 Nover. 1718 anent persueing the sds. deficients and obstreporous outstanders and ther right in caice of contumacie being declaired null and appoynts ther present Boxmaster newly elected to doe exact diligence against them conform thereto on the expenses of the publict with certificatione to him and his successors in office that if they faill therin they are ipso facto to be lyable for the saids deficiencies themselves. I 55.

15 DECEMBER 1719.

Wee subscryvers merchants of Old Aberdeen members of the incorporatione and society of Merchants ther first erected anno 1680 And therefter institut of new anno Mvij^{c} years takeing to ther serious consideratione that by the blessing of God the small found assigned

for encourageing and supporting our Community in generall and particularly for rebuilding a loft in the Church for the use of our sd. Community, Haith incressed to an more considerable sume then what may be sufficient for building a loft, Wherfor wee heirby unanimously agree that the said stock and found shall not only be imployed for the building a loft for the use of the Society of Merchants in the kirk of Old Aberdeen when it shall be found convenient But also and chiefly for relieveing the necessities of the poor and decayed members of the said Society ther Widowes and Children or any other use for supporting the members therof To which the majority of the said Community shall agree to and each of us heirunto subscryveing bind and oblige us to pay yearly at Mertimess to the Boxmasters of the said Society for the use forsd. the sum of fourteen shilling sex pennies yearly as formerly. I 59.

12 November 1798.

A motion having been made that as the Societies lands are held in trust for the benefit of this Society by the Town Treasurer that the trust be now transferred to the Treasurer of the Society and his successors in office which having been put to a vote was unanimously agreed to The general meeting therefore appoint the committee to make choise of five members as a sub committee for this special purpose to enquire at some man of business concerning the steps necessary to be taken and the expence which the transference will amount to and if it does not exceed Twenty pounds sterling the General meeting hereby empower the committee to proceed with all convenient speed to get the transference made but if the expence exceed that sum a general meeting shall be called to deside whither this business shall proceed or not. III 11.

28 November 1798.

It was reported to the meeting by the Preses. Baillie Smith and Mr Ewing three of the members appointed at last committee for transferring the Societies lands from the Town treasurer to the Societies Treasurer that they had consulted seperately three men of business upon the subject who all of them agreed that the measure was practicable and that the expence would not exceed five or six pounds sterling. The Committee therefore authorise and impower the Preses

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ARMS OF THE TRADES OF OLD ABERDEEN.

1 Hammermen. 2 Wrights & Coopers. 3 Fleshers & Fishers. 4 Weavers.

Treasurer and Clerk to proceed to get the transference made with all convenient speed and if any unforeseen obstacle ocurr to call a meeting of the Committee for farther instruction. III 13.

II.—Trade Incorporations.

1. *Charter by Adam Bellenden, Bishop of Aberdeen, in favour of the Trades of Old Aberdeen.—30 December* 1637.[1]

Bee It kend till all men be their pntis. Wee Adam bee the mercie of God bischope of Abd. with express consent and assent of the provest bayllzies and cōmunitie of the cittie of Old Abd. Doctor William Leslie princiepall of the kings coledg off the samen with express consent and assent of regants maisters memberes and conservitores of the sd. coledge The Commone weill of the samen in that pairt harde seen conseddered understand bee us but doce being ryplie advysed theirvpone To have grantit giwine and comittit and bee the tennor of their presence Gives and cōmitts to Our lovitts Williame Hay prin^ll^ wisitoure of the haill crafts of the said cittie and alswae the said William to be wisitour of the haill hamermen Thomas Angus wisitor of the haill weaveres John Andersone wisitour of the haill tayllziours James Andersone wisitour of the haill cordineres Alexander Wadie wisitour of the haill baxters Georg Challoner wisitour of the haill fleshers of the said cittie for the tym and to there successores wissitoures in all tymes to com full frie plaine Pour and authoritie vpon all and sundrie occupeires and excercisses of the saids crafts within the sd. cittie and colledge bounds and friedome of the samenes to correct and punish the trespasseres their onlawes amerciaments and echeats to be dewised and modiefied bee the saids wisitoures and their successores to vpetak and inbring to the cōmone weill and wtillitie of the saids crafts Blood and Blae excepted alsuae Wee ratieffie and affermes that nae friemane shall bee made of the saids crafts qhill hee bee examienat be the saids wisitours and their successores wisitoures of the sds crafts for the tyme and that hee be fundine be them ane sufficiant craftsmane and made his maisteres stike of work And that hee be provine wordye be his work to bee ane maister and admittit bee the

[1] From a copy in the possession of the Hammermen Trade, Old Aberdeen.

wisitoures of ilk craft for the tyme and present to ws ane able persone to [be] made freeman Sicklyk it sall be leesume to the saids wisitoures and their successores with the adwyse and councill of the prin[ll] wisitoures of the saids crafts to mack statuts and ordienances for the cōmone weill of the saids crafts and good and honour of the said cittie And Sicklyk Bee their presence Gieves and grants full pour and commissione to the forsaids wisitoures and their successores to try the qualliefiecatioune abillitie substance and lautie of sick craftsmen as sall enter within the said cittie and Bounds of the sd. Coledge heirefter and sall report the samen to the provest and bayllzies of the said cittie princiepall and members of the said coledge for the tym that they may bee admittit according to the order of the sd. cittie Gievand and Grantand to the saids wisitoures and ilk ane of them wisitoures of the saids crafts and their successores ansuering to ws and our successores for all and sundrie their nighboures maisteres servants preintissis and occupieres at the sds. crafts for all faults that lyes wnder their correctione gin they leiw anie sick faults vnpunished or punish them vther wayes then they aught to doe of law and good conscience And that they doe Justice to all occupieres of the sds crafts at all tymes q[n] they ar required but feid or favore And giff anie occupeire of the saids crafts disobeyes or contemes the said wisitour or wisitoures for the tyme that they compleine to ws or our successores and wee cause them to be obeyed according to this pour Provyding allwayes that the saids crafts chuse nae wisitoures in tym coming but them that bee responsall to ans[r] to the toune conform to this pour and that they ans[r] to ws and our successors for the haill crafts and all things concerning them and their crafts when ewir they be requiered their too, And wee Bind and oblidge ws and our successores vith express consent and assent forsaid to warrant and defend all and sundrie the premiss to the saids wisitoures and their successores as said is contrare all most all as law will Prouyding all wayes that this present privieledges be nae wayes prejudieciall nor hurtfull to the full juriesdictione and bayllerie of the cittie of Old Abd. and old privieledges of the sd. Burgh and Vniewersitie of the said coledge payand theirfor yeirlie be the saids wisitoures and their successores to the present bayllzies of Old Abd. and their successores the sowm of twantie punds wsuall moe. at two termes in the yeir wittsunday and martiemass in winter be equall portiones with fywe punds in caice of fayllzie of anie termes payment in

full contentatione of ane act of the townes court qherby their obledgit to paye the sd. sowme to the bayllies of the said cittie and their successores and the bayllzies to the present Reader of Sanct Macher and his successores the sd. reader and his successores allwayes doeing their ordienarie service according to the townes act maid their anent of the dait the day of ane thousand sex hundreth thrittie sex yeirs in faithfull wittness to their pntis. subscryvit with our hands q^r^of the bodie is wryttine with the hand of Thomas Mercer notar publick in Old Abd. our seall is appendit At Aberdine the penult of December ane thousand sex hundreth thrittie sewine yeers befor their wittness.

ADAM : ABERDEINE.

2. *Charter of Confirmation by Bishop George Haliburton in favour of the Trades of Old Aberdeen.—29 April,* 1684.[1]

Be it Kend To all men whom it effeires be thir presents We George be the mercy of God Bishop of Aberdeen with the express consent and assent of the Provost Bailzies Councell and Communitie of the City of Old Aberdeen, Mr Alex^r^ Middleton Principall of the Kings Colledge of the same, with express consent and assent of the remanent Masters Members and Conservitor of the sd. Colledge, and with consent of the Minister and Session for ther severall rights and entress in the matter underwrittein For certain reasonable causes and good considerations moveing Us The Cōmone Weill utility and profit of the City of Old Aberdeen and Cathedrall Church thereof, being heard seen and considered by us, and being well, maturely and riplie advysed herewith and with the address and desyres made to us by Alex^r^ Cristall wright present Deacon Conveener of the Trades of the sd. Burgh for himself and in name and behalf of the remanent Trades and Craftsmen in the sd. City To have ratified approven and confirmed and be the Tenor hereof ratific approve and confirm ane certain Charter made and granted be Adam by the mercy of God Bishop of Aberdeen . . .

[*The charter of* 1637 *given above is then recited.*]

And whilk Charter wee consent above written for us and our successors Doe ratifie approve and confirme as sd. is in the haill heads

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clauses articles and priviledges therein mentioned with and under the provisiones therein contained and for payment of the foresd. soume of Tuentie pounds money foresd. with the soume of four pound in augmentation thereof making in all twentie four pound at the Terms of payment therein mentionate And by thir presents De Novo doe for us and our successors forsds. Give grant and committ full power warrant and authoritie To the sd. Alexander Cristall present Deacon Conveener and principall visitor of the haill Crafts and present Visitor of the haill hamermen of the sd. Cittie, William Volum present Deacon of the Weavers, George Machattie present Deacon of the Tailors, Thomas Anderson present Deacon of the Cordiners Deacon of the Baxters Patrick Thomson present Deacon of the fleshers and their successors in their rexive. offices in all tymes to come to exerce and use the whole priviledges mentioned in the foresd. Charter and to enjoy the samen as fullie and freelie in all respects as any of ther predecessors did exerce use and enjoy the samen at any tyme heretofore after the forme and Tenor thereof in all poynts Declaring the samen to have been from the beginning and to be now and in all tyme comeing ane good sufficient right and warrant to them for the haill intents and purposes therein mentioned in all tyme coming And further witt ye ws with the advyce and consent above written to have given and granted and hereby gives and grants full power warrant libertie and priviledge to the present members of the Hamerman Trade, Tailor Trade and Cordener Trade of the sd. Citty of Old Aberdeen to erect and build ane loft for ther own proper uses in the Cathedrall Church of Old Aberdeen And that in lieu of ther rexive. pews and dasks belonging to and presentlie possest be them builded in the floor of the said Kirk (Qlk pewes and dasks are to be removed, and the ground therof to be at the disposall of us wt advyce and consent as aforesaid and the minister serving the Cure for the tyme in all tyme comeing) Qlke loft is hereby designed to be builded in the bounds following viz. in the north side of the Church above these pewes and dasks formerlie belonging to them from the south to the north Twentie six foots of English Measure of the Carpinters rule, and the breadth of the sd. loft from the east to the west to be off Twentie four foots, and the forebreast of the sd. loft to be off tuo English foots of measure foresd. from before the pillar eastward towards the pulpit Qlk pillar nixt and westward from the sd. pulpit at which pillar the head of

the hamermens seat was fixt formerly and the south syde or breast of the breast of the sd. loft to be off six foot of the foresd. measure from the sd. pillar towards the body of the sd. Church With full power to the sds. Hamermen Tailors and Cordeners and ther successors in ther rexive. Trades to brook joyss and possess the foresd. loft so to be erected and builded by them in maner foresd. with all priviledges that may belong thereto without any interruption trouble or impediment whatsomever in all tyme hereafter and to sitt in the sd. loft as they presentlie sitt in their pewes and dasks and after the same method and order viz The Hammermen with their Incorporation nixt to the pulpit, The Tailor Trade nixt to them, and the Cordener Trade nixt to them And the Weavers dask to stand as it presently is possest be them. And to be possest by them and ther successors in the sd. calling conform to their former rights and possession of the samen And Seing the Trades of the sd. Cittie of Old Aberdeen hath been in constant use and had the priviledge of keeping mortcloaths and hyring out of the samen for the Burials of men women and children within the Town Parish and elsewhere Thairfore wee for us and our successors Doe ratifie and approve the foresd. priviledges Declareing hereby that they shall enjoy the same as fullie and freelie in all respects as they did at any tyme heretofore But Præ judice to or encroatching upon the right and priviledge anent mortcloathes belonging to the Church and Hospitall And declareing that no persone within the Town or Parish shall have or enjoy any such priviledge in all tyme hereafter except the foresds. Trades Church and Hospital And obleidges us and our successors forsds. Bishops of Aberdeen To warrant this present right good valid and effectuall at all hands and against all deadlie : In Witnes whereof thir presents (written by John Anderson writter in Aberdeen) are subscryved with our hands and our seals are appendit (Declaring hereby the foresd. priviledge for punishing and correcting of Trespassers and uptaking of ther unlawes and amerciaments is only extended against the severall Tradesmen in their severall workes and trades anent their workmanship allenerlie and to be extendit no further) Att our Palace in Old Aberdeen the twentie nynth day of Aprile Mvj and fourscore four years Before thir witnesses Mr David Ogilvie our servitor Gilbert Beidie advocat in Aberdeen Lachlan Couper our servitor and the said John Anderson.

3. *Extracts from the Minutes of the Convener Court.*

5 December 1685.

The said day it is enacted statute and ordained be the deacan conveiner with the unanimous consent and assent of the haill deacans and members of the deacan conveiner court that in all tymes cuming the velvet mortcloath for men and women sall be hyred furth to persones of qualitie at the rait of four pund Scotis and to any relationes of any of the trades at thrie pund scots, The new cloath cloath at threttie shillings Scots without any defalcatione to q^t^sumever persone, The old cloath cloath at thretteine shilling four pennies scots and the bairnes cloath at thretteine shilling four pennies and that q^t^sumever persone who sall keip the mortcloathes in tymes cuming sall give doune any pairt of the foirsds pryces of any of the sds cloathes without the consent and approbatione of the conveiner and remanent deacans of the trades sall pay what he gives doune therof furth of his oune purs and be comptable therfor to the conveiner court. I I.

5 November 1691.

The said day forsaemeikill as ther haveing a great contraversie and trouble fallen out in the hamerman trade anent the putting out of James Watt present deacan conveiner as being maister of the sd. trade at the last electione of ther deacan and conveiner lykwyse contrair to old vse and wont And for preventing of the lyk trouble or any other animositie amongst the members of any of the reuive. trades for the lyk in tyme cuming and for taiking away the sd. debait, the deacan conveiner court being called and haveing conveined, another lait conveiner sittand being substitute in the pnt. conveiners place, and haveing tackand the sd. bussines and effair to consideratione did ordor that the said James Wat sall be repouned againe in his owne place as ane maister of his oune trade, qlk was imediatlie done and put in executione And to the effect that the lyk may not fall out heirafter It is pntlie. enacted statute and ordained be the deacan conveiner with the wnanimous consent and assent of the haill deacans maisters and members of the sd. court but contradictione at leist the most pairt of them that whatsumever persone shall be ane maister in any of the reuive. trades and lykwyse deacan

conveiner shall not be changed bot sall continue ane maister of his trade that nixt ensewing Yeir and that under the faillie of tuantie pund scots to be payit be the deacan of the trade in caice of contraventione of this pnt. act for the vse of the conveiner court. I 5[2].

9 April 1698.

The said day it is enacted statute and ordained be the conveiner with the speciall consent and approbatione of the haill deakens and members of the deaken conveiner court (That forsaemeikill as the baillies magistrates and Counsellors of the toune did intend and declaired to the trades that they would see and visite the conveiners compts anent the mortcloathes and there resaits and debursments of the moneyes for the saids cloathes yearlie) That the deaken conveineres compts should wpon no accompt be produced to the magistrates and counsell nor permitted to be seene or visited by them at any tyme heir-after by reasone that the same was never in practise abefore aither in this or any other toune or brugh and that they would in naewayes bring in any new inovatione which was never practised nor sought for abefore as lykwyse for divers others good and reasonable causes moveing them heirto wnles it be done with the speciall consent and assent of the haill members of the conveiner court first hade and obtained thereto. I 13.

28 December 1699.

The said day the deaken conveiner and haill deakens of the trades with the speciall consent and assent of the haill remanent members of the conveiner court hes enacted and be thir pnts. enactes statutes and ordaines for the future and all tyme comeing That no frieman in any of the trades presume to cunnive with or joyne in working at his trade with any persone whatsumever who is not frieman of the trade whatever trade it be aither openlie or privatlie nor tack in any journayman to work with him in his trade wntill he first acquaint the present deaken of the sam trade q[r]of he is a member and obtaine his approbatione and allowance thereto under the paine of fyve punds scots for ilk transgressione of any of the premissis and that toties quoties and to be imediatlie poynded for the same. I 13[2].

13 JULY 1704.

The said day compeired James Buchan baxter and gave in a supplicatione to the deaken conveiner court desyreing to be receaved and admitted frieman in generall with the Trades of this toune and to be incorporat amongst the rest of the friemen and tradesmen within the toune haveing the same priviledges as others frie tradesmen in the toune Qch supplicatione being read herd and considdered was accepted and the deaken conveiner with consent of the members of the conveiner court accepts the said supplicatione as said is with this alwayes provisione that he shall nowayes be a member of the conveiner court wntill such tyme as they can be able to mack up ane incorporatione consisting at leist of sex members. I 19.

21 JULY 1705.

The said day it is unanimously condissionded and finaly agreed by the Conviner and whol members of the conviner Court that there be ane Act presently made and insert in the Conviners book and that no trade nor tradsman in any of the rexive. trades of Old Abd. shall band conditione or make any privit agreement for any certain soumes of mony yearly or quarterly to the trades of Abd. without the special consent and assent of the conviner and the rest of the Deacones of the trades or any tuo of the Deacones who can be gotten at the tyme as they shall be ansuirable to the magistrats of this toun and the conviner court and if any singular tradesman of any of the rexiue. trades shal goe and make any privit paction or conditiondence by himself without the consent forsaid shall be lyabel to whatsome ever fines the Baylies and the conviner court shall impose upon them Like as it is enacted wt consent forsaid that if any person or persons of the forsaid rexive. or any of them shall be found or apprehended chareing in work to or out of Abd. that they shall be lyable to and pay the fines themselves to the Conviner Court But if it shall happen that any tradesman be chalenged by the trades of Abd. for any of the forsaids faults and not mad out against them that then and in that case the wholl trades shal defend them in that persute against the persuers. I 22.

10 JUNE 1706.

The said day the broad of mortifications being gilded and cullored by Jon Simson penter wes given in at the Counsell house table in this conveiner court in ordor to be put and hung up in the house belonging to the haill traids. I 24[2].

13 MARCH 1708.

The said day anent ane overture given in to the Court be the Conveiner for making of ane hospitall of the traids house for friemens relicts and orphants reduced to povertie and for making ane fond theranent that ane little handsom book be instantlie mde by John Simson present Collector and to sie what collections may be obtained for that effect and to gett ther subscriptions in the sd. book for the sds. collections and ordaynes the said book to ly in the Conveiners hands or any of the members hands of the Conveiner court whenever they shall have occasion for the same and who ever shall contribute for the same Ther names ar to be mentioned and put vpon ane broad to be gott up in the sd. house and lykwyse the said Conveiner Court ordaynes ane laith house of one story high of two couple lenth of ston and mud and the dyks to be helped, all this is to be done with all dilligence and the Conveiner and George Cristall ar to be oversiers and agriers for the work, and John Simson is to deburse money for doing the said work and instantlie the haill members of the court ar to goe and sie and visit the sds. houses. I 28[2].

2 OCTOBER 1708.

The said day anent the concerting severall wrongis and losses haid and sustayned for severall yeares bygain and debursing of money to defend our selves and priviledges from the oppression of the traids of new Aberdein, even done to one and all of our severall Traids In ordor to which the Conveiner called the haill members of the traids to sie if they wold seek reparation of the saids wroungs and to persew the same as acords of the law wnto Which overture the haill meiting gave ther vnanimous consent whervpon the Conveiner ordayned the decon to hold ane court and give ane accompt of the wrang done to them in ther tyme thir severall yeirs bygon done them and to report by wreitt agt. tysdays night being the fyft of this instant Octo[b] to the sd. Conveiner in order he may call ane Conveiner court. I 29[1].

8 October 1709.

The said day anent ane complent given in by William Watt decon of the cordoners againest severall of his traid viz George Smith and Alex^r Stiven being present masters of the sd. traid for ther transgression to ther awen deacon he haveing fyned them in ther awen court we homologat the same and returns to ther awen decon and traid again and to have no vott in this court till it be cleared in ther awen court vtherwyse to return to this court again. I 30[2].

11 November 1710.

The said day the Conveener made a proposal to all the Deacons and masters of the said Court that it would be very convenient and necessary for the Relicks of decayed Tradesmen if any feaseable methods might be thought upon for building a hospitall for them to live in and that some discreet gentleman of a pious lyfe and conversa°n might be made choice off as a Patron to oversee and manage all affairs relative thertoo whatsomever, qch proposal was relished unanimously weel by the whole Court and appoynted that at ther nixt meeting they would make an Act theranent. I 33.

28 April 1711.

The said day it is statute and ordayned with consent of the haill court the work of the new hospitall in the Traids land shall be caried on with all dilligence to witt to build it thrie roume lenth, two storie heigh, to witt five foott and ane halff above the jest of ston work one of the thrie heigh roumes to be a little heigher then the rest with ane stone gavell and with two back and bosom chimleys therin and to be tylled above with thrie doors in the laich storie and two doores in wpper storie for which the haill fyve Traids ar to advance so much moe. at first for carreing on the work To witt the hamermen traid advances threttie sex punds Scots moe. the veaver traid twantie pund, the taillor traid twentie pund, the cordoner traid twentie pund and the flesher traid twelve punds Scots money and that the forsaid Conveiner shall call for money from the Collector of the mortcloathes as shall be found neidfull and the Collector able to advance vntill the subscribents of our book come in and als we impouer the said James Dugood present Conveiner to borrow

mony for carreing on the work and to grant bond to any persons who shall lend the same in his awen name or his successors in office and this is for buying timber stons workmanship and all vther materialls neidfull and this shall be his warrand holding alwyse count to them theroff. I 34.

24 NOVEMBER 1711.

The said day it is statute and ordayned by the Conveiner with consent of the haill court ther being fyve roumes in the new hospitall to witt three below and two above and these five roumes are appointed for the use of poor widows tradsmens relicts for ther abode and dweling in to witt two in each roume, two for the hammermen and two for the weavers and two for the tyliour trade and two for the shoomakers and two for the fleshers and every trade to come in to have ther choice of the said roumes in ther own order in so fare that each trade having widows of honest life and conversation blameless and the wife of ane honest husband past the age of fiftie years and no young women to be ther servants nor to dwell in the sd. houses with them unless chieldren or orphans w^tin the age of twelth years and that under the pain of removeing them from the sd. hospittall unlese sick or dying bed. I 36.

1 AUGUST 1712.

The sd. day the haill deacons and masters of the severall Trads of the said City did unanimously nominat and appoint James Duiguid present Conveener in Old Aberdein ther commissioner to goe to Dr George Midleton Principall of the Kings Colledge of Aberdein, and make intimation to him that the saids haill deacons and ther rexive. Incorporations hade made choise of the said Dr George Midleton and his successors in office Principalls of the said Colledge, in conjunctione with the present Conveener of the Trads of this Burgh for the tyme, to be ther sole and only Patrons and overseers in all tyme comeing With full power to him and them as Patrons forsd. to call for, oversee, and examine, the haill managements, rents, emoluments and debursements belonging to the Trads Hospitall of this Burgh, and to rectifie whatever they shall finde wrong, or mismanaged therin, conform to law. I 39.

24 MAY 1712.

The said day the conviner wt the deacons of the severall trads wt the rest of the members of the forsd. conviner court did convien and go to the forsd. hospitall house to make choise of the severall rooms for the severall trads ther relicts and sighted the severall rooms and fond them to be good and sufficient habitable rooms and afterwards made choise of the severall rooms conforme to the orders of the respective trads conforme to ane former act mad theranent and the hammermen made choisse of the laigh vest chalmer forgainst the well The weavers made choisse of the midle laigh roome nixt the hammermen The tyliours made choiss of the laigh roome nixt the street The shoomaker trade made choisse of the uppermost east chalmer and the fleshers did not apear that day for which causs we referd the fifth roome being the midle roome above for them and the bakers Being all fuly satisfied wt the sd. rooms the sd. James Dugied present conviner did go frome the consull housse table and deliverd the severall keys to the severall respective trads and ther deacons in order to put in the widows into ther severall respective rooms against the twentie seventh day of May instant one thousand seven hunderth and tuelth years and that the severall respective deacons and trads shall be coumptable for the severall rooms after the delivery of the keys of the forsd. rooms and to make up all damnages of the sd. rooms as they shall be answerable to the patron and Conviner court. I 41.

12 DECEMBER 1713.

The said day there being a representation made to the Conveener Court, anent a contraversie betwixt the Smiths, Wrights, and Coupers anent the election off a deacon for the ensuing year, to represent ther trade, Which contraversie (for peace sake) being duely considered by the said court and they finding that the tuo persons contending for the said deaconrie were William Smith yor blacksmith to represent the Smiths and Wm Baverly wright to represent the wrights and coupers Which tuo candidates did and hereby does intirely submitt themselves to the determinaon of the Conveener Court to elect whom they please to be Deacon to the Hammermen trade.

The said day William Volum being elected preses for accommodating wt the rest of the Conveener Court the debate betwixt the two

above mentioned candidates viz Wm Smith and Wm Baverley to be deacon of the hammermen trade and it being put to the vote which off the two forsaid persons should be deacon for the ensueing year and it was carried by the pluralitie off votes that Wm Smith should be deacon for the ensueing year and the conveener Court appts James Duguid pnt. Conveener Wm Baverly Wm Smith elder blacksmith and John Glass glover to be his four masters for the forsd. year and further appoynts that the box be brought back to the wrights and coupers and the key theroff to be with the smiths. I 56.

The said day It is statute and ordained by ane unanimouse consent of the Conveener Court that in all tyme comeing that the smiths and glovers shall have the Deaconrie per vices with the wrights and coupers year about conforme to a contract made thereanent and there masters of there own choiceing and the Box to be intrusted in the opposite trade where the Deacon is, and this is alwayes provyded that the forsaid two Trades viz Smiths and Glovers put on men capable men to bear office to represent the said trade conforme to the Articles of the Charter belonging to the said Trade and that vnder the failzie contained in the contract made theranent. I 57.

4 June 1715.

The said day anent a petitione given in be John Lillie and John Strachan shewing that they being Baikers in Old Aberdeen and admitted freemen of the said city Therfor creaving the Conveener and Court wold make ane act ordaining them or any in ther trade to carry charge in the Conveeners court as the rest of the trades of the sd. city Which being advysed by the said Court and the same putt a votte It was enacted and is heirby ordained that the petitioners or ther successors are and shall be free in all tyme comming as office bearers in the Conveener court when elected therto as any of the rest of the trades of the said city They allwayes paying scott and lott conform to the other trades according to ther number. I 63.

27 December 1718.

The said day it being represented that the Lady Lenturk hade offered sex punds scots to pass her as to her not possessing the trades house conform to minute which being considered and the minute being

lame thorrow want of a date the boxmaster was ordered accept the same and discharge her.

It being represented by the Conveener that at the burialls of office bearers in both townes he was neglected by the trades and deacons who not only byde back themselves but neglect to call ther rexive. trades conform to the decencie and order formerly observed particularly in the caice of the deceast Provost Mitchell his buriall on the 24 instant Which being considered by the haill members of Court It was unanimously statute and ordained that the Deacons be acquainted be eleven a clock in the forenoon and that they acquaint ther trade befor tuelve to all burialls at two efternoon and all other hours proportionally to that tyme of distance and that due obedience and attendance be given therin and that they meet duelie at the Cross befor half tuo aclock to goe along with the Conveener therto under the failzie off fourty shilling Scots to each deacon a merk to each master, halfe a merk to each freeman and four pund to the Conveener in caice of the neglect of the premisis to be payed to the publict boxmaster and imployed as the Conveener shall see cause and in caice of refuisall to be poynded therfor immediatly efter the buriall by ther own trade. I 87.

31 October 1719.

Petition and representation from the Deacon and members of the flesher trade dated the twenty fourth day of Octr instant requesting to be relaxed from a sentence of this Court bearing date the nynth of August Mvij and eightein Which Petition being considered by the Conveener and haill members therof They all nemine contradicente doe repone the said Corpora°ne to all their ancient rights and priviledges haveing produced qualified members to assist at the election of a Conveener for this ensueing year and payeing in fyve pounds scots as their trades proportion of necesser expence bestowed for the trades affair, which sum is instantly payed in at the table. I 91.

2 April 1720.

The said day it is enacted be the Conveener and haill members of Court that for the good services done be John Paton of Grandhome and Mr George Gordon of Rainieshill in takeing up the differences betuixt

the community of Merchants of Old Aberdein and the trades of the sd. City, The said Conveener and haill members of Court bind and oblidge them and their successors in office that the sds. John Paton and Mr George Gordon their wifes and children, when dead and unmarried, shall have the benefite and priviledge of the best mortcloathes belonging to the sds. trades and that gratis without payeing any dues therfore and this to be extended to the heir, or heires of the sds. families in all tyme comeing allenarly gratis as said is. I 99.

30 JULY 1722.

The said day it being represented to this Court by seall of the Incorporat Tradesmen of this citie That they hade gott citations to compear befor the Sherreff of Abdn. upon Wednesday next to answer at the instance of John Cuthbert pror. fiscall and of the rexive. Deacons and Boxmasters of the trades of Aberdeen for alleaged invading ther properties and that the rest of the tradesmen of this citie were threatned with charges of lyke nature Which maner of doeing being represented and the Court being fullie convinced that the trades of Aberdeen endeavour allwayes to subvert and overturne our freedome Wherfor the rexive. Deacons and Masters being this day appointed to call a meeting of the severall incorporations and take advyce therin who all unanimusly made report that it was the opinione of the severall corporations that this said proces befor the Sherreff be defended to the outmost and therfor the hail members of this court appoynted the Conveener with any of the Deacons he may take with him to meet with Prinll Chalmers patron of the trades and with the magistrats of this city and solicite them to take pairt with the Trades in this criticall juncture and that they might take what courses or methods they think best for the trades good in defending this proces . . . I 111.

4 AUGUST 1722.

The said day it being represented that the Trades of Aberdeen hade obtained a decreit of Declarator against the trades of this City before the Sherreff of Abdn upon the third day of Agust instant declaring it oppression in our tradesmen in cairieing furth or in bringing any made work to the toune of Abdn by themselves wyfes bairnes serveants or others

without any reguaird to merkat dayes and other necessary circumstances Wherby our Trades may be brought to unevitable trouble and danger notwithstanding that wee are allready bound acted in law burrows theranent to them in the books of Counsill and Sessione, Which with ther many former attempts and encroachments made upon us may at last bring us to be in no better caice then as if wee were ther suburbs as they are pleased to terme us in ther vexatious process For preventing wherof it is unanimosly resolved and enacted that ther be a proces of reductione of the sd. decreit law burrows and all other means and methods takne by them for making us and our successors subservient to them as above That the same reductione be proceeded in and carried on by the Conveener and his successors as the major pairt of this Court shall advyse him ay and whill the sd. proces of reductione be brought to such a conclusione as that wee and our freedoms and liberties be both declaired. I 113.

26 May 1724.

The which day the Conveener Deacons Masters of Trades members of this present Court considering the usefullness and necessity they have of haveing reasonable honest judicious and responsabil men for exerceing the office of Boxmaster to the severall incorporat Trades belonging to this Court and reckoning it fitt and convenient for encouraging good men to accept of the said office as Boxmaster For encourageing whereof they unanimously accepted and heirby doe accept and admitt the following persons viz Lauhlan M^c^bain Skinner boxmaster to the Hammermen trade John Bothweill boxmaster to the Weaver trade Alexander Moir boxmaster to the Taylor trade Alexander Duncan boxmaster to the Shoemaker trade and Patrick Fiddes boxmaster to the Flesher trade and ther successors in office Boxmasters to the forsd. incorporat trades of this city as members of this and all Conveener Courts of this sd. City of Old Aberdeen in all tyme comming with power to them to vote choise and elect therin and in ther own privat courts and meetings as other members doe. I 125.

13 October 1725.

Thereafter upon a complaint made by the Deacon of the Hammermen against William Anderson deacon of the Shoemakers and heill

masters and members of that trade anent their having made choise of a deacon masters and boxmaster by electors unqualified and therefor craved that seeing he as deacon of the hammermen trade was not only obliged to rechoise his masters but also fyned in ten shillings that therefor the shoemaker trade might also be fyned and ordained to rechoise To which it was answered by the said William Anderson that seeing the deacon and masters elected were all qualified there was no occasion for a fyne or a rechoise Thereafter the deacon submitted as also the masters to the determination of the Conveener Court.

Which being considered by the Conveener and members of Court they unanimously fyne the said deacon and trade in three pund Scots to the hospitall and ordains them to make a new election of a deacon masters and boxmaster otherways to have no vote nor privilege as above and mean tyme ordains the last electors as qualified otherwayes to be lyable to the prosecution of the law. I 133.

17 February 1728.

The which day William Ross, boxmaster complained upon Alexander Moir, deacon of the Taylior trade and on the rest of the members thereof except William Anderson Andrew Simpson and Alexander Robertson for their refuseing to obey the preceiding act of this Court[1] and the said deacon being called and refuseing to obey as said is The Conveener Court unanimously finding that they had also endeavoured to affront the Conveener by insteed of giving attendance at Baillie Watts buriall there conveening in a body and anticipating the Conveener and the rest of the trades thereat Wherefor they unanimously deprive the said deacon and haill Taylour trade excepting as above of all vote or priviledge of trade untill due satisfaction and obedience be made and given to this court. I 147.

18 May 1728.

The which day compeared Alexander Moir deacon of the Taylours for himself and in name and behalf of the rest of the other members of trade and submitted himself to the will of the court.

Thereafter the Conveener and haill remanent members having taken

[1] An act ordaining the tailors to work where they are employed.

the forsaid submission to their consideration fynes and ammerciats the said Taylour trade in twenty shilling scots for their contumacy anent Baillie Watts buriall and receives them again as members of the said Conveener Court in respect of the said submission and restores them to their former priviledges. I 148.

31 DECEMBER 1730.

The said day ther being a complaint given in to the Conveener and remanent members of the Conveener Court representing that severall members att severall tymes have pursued other tradesmen befor the magistrats of Old Aberdeen without previously applying to the Deacon of ther respective Trades or Conveener Court contarary to former acts made theranent Which being considered by the Conveener and remanent members of the Conveener Court They ratify homologate and approve of all former acts made theranent and they doe in further corroboration and fortification therof Statute enact and ordain that no freemen in any of the Incorporations of this Citie shall att any tyme herafter pursue any affair belonging to ther respective trade befor the magistrats of Old Abd^{n} or any other judge whatsomever without first applying to ther own Deacon and next to this Court under the faillie of six pound scots money for the first fault ten pound money forsaid for the second and deprivation for the third fault and appoints every on of the Incorporations to transcribe this act into ther books and to read it annually att every Electione. I 157.

29 MARCH 1733.

The Conveener made report that he was informed that some of the Masters of the College had complained to the Justices of Peace against him and some others of the Trades for alleaged assaulting and beating some of the students in the street without any provocation Which the Court deeming contrary to the information given them desyred the Conveener may try into the verity thereof and if any proof were to be made thereof to assist in discovering the naked truth thereof. I 164.

5 APRIL 1735.

The said day anent ane representation given in by the Conveener in Court that James McKallan present deacon of the Hammerman trade

and James Walker blacksmith and one of the members of the said Hammermen Trade being upon the third inst committed prisoners to the Tolbooth of Old Aberdeen by William Molyson one of the baillies of the said city for their scandolous and impertinent language given to the said baillie in ane fenced Court when he was sitting in judgement And the said Conveener being informed that some of the said Hammermen Trade were designed to uplift and expend some of their publick moneys in defence of the said James M^c^Kallan and James Walker and to imploy lawyers for that effect These are therefor impowering you James Michie to imploy ane notar to instrument any member or members discharging them from uplifting or intromitting with any of the moneys of the said Hammermen Trade for defending the said James M^c^Kallan and James Walker anent any prosecution that shall be intended or pursued against them. I 173.

25 SEPTEMBER 1742.

The said day the Conviner and hail members of Court do unanimously homologate ratifie and approve ane act made by the then Conviner and members of said Court anent the elections of the severall Corporations dated the fifth day of November Mvij and twenty six seing that Robert White present boxmaster to the Shoomaker Trade who lives in Spithill hes put the whole trades to unnecessary expences by prosecuting the Trades of this City before the Shirreff of Aberdeen upon frivolous grounds mentioned in a complaint at his instance w^t^ concourse of the fiscall of the Sherriff Court And that both Deacon Boxmaster and Masters shall live and reside in the Town and Libertys thereof under the penalty of fourty pounds Scots who agreed thereto by plurality of votes and that this act shall stand and continue in force in all time comeing the flesher trade excepted. I 210.

12 NOVEMBER 1743.

Wee Thomas Volum present Conveener of the trades of the said City of Old Aberdeen and remanent Deacons of the said trades In consequence of the submission entred into betwixt William King, Androw Smith William M^c^Kallan and Peter Mutch blacksmiths in Old Aberdeen, and John Mowat, Lachlan M^c^bean and John Smith &^c^ black-

smiths there anent the validity of the said John Mowat and his adherents their Election and anent their intromissions with the money belonging to their said Incorporation for two years preceeding the eight day of November instant And we having (in presence of the saids parties submitters in ane court holden within the Councill house of this City, upon the tenth day of November inst.) inspected the said Election and their publick acco^tts^ forsaid two years bygane, Found the same just and fair, but since, and this day in presence of Court, the said John Mowat acknowledged and owned, that since the date of the said submission, he had caused transcribe the said accompts, and is suspected by the Court to have made alterations therein, Whereupon We the Conveener Present Deacons and haill other members of Court having taken the same to their consideration They putt it to a vote sustain or not sustain said Election and it carried by plurality not sustain Therfor the Conveener and haill members of Court Ordained the said Hammerman Trade, of new again instantly to elect Deacon Masters and other office bearers of their Incorporation for the ensuing year and that under the forsaid penaltie of five pound sterling. I 217.

20 DECEMBER 1745.

The said day Robert Leslie Conveener represented that Captain Creighton had stented the whole Trades of this City as also the Conveener Court, in the sum of Fourty seven pound ten shillings sterling money for the use of Charles Pretended prince of Wales, And that he had quartered severall men as partys on the rexive. Deacons and Box masters of the severall Incorporations As also upon the Conveener untill payment of the forsaid sum.

The generall meetting of the haill trades craved that the Conveener and his Boxmaster should lend upon bill to the Deacons and Boxmasters of the severall Corporations the sum of Four hundred and ten pound Scots out of the moneys lying in the Conveener box, As also that the Conveener and his Boxmaster should take out of said box the sum of One hundred and eighty pound Scots in order to pay the said Captain Creighton the said sum of Fourty seven pound ten shillings sterling stented by him as said is in order to releive the said parties Which the same was accordingly ordered to be granted by the forsaid haill meetting

And for security of the said Four hundred and ten pound scots the severall Deacons and Boxmasters of the Corporations have accepted bills therefor and for which this is warrand. I 232.

6 October 1747.

The said day there was presented and given in to the members of the Conveener Court a letter from the Reverend Dr John Chalmers Prinll of the Kings College and Patron of the Trades adressed to the Conveener and importing that he having understood there appeared some mismanagement in setting Techmuirys house and land, he desired they might deferr the same untill he should be accquainted thereof, otherwyse he could not concurr in any deed they might agree to, And the said letter being seriously taken under their consideration, and that they had taken the most prudent and effectuall method in setting the said house and land for the use and behoof of the Trades of said City and that they were fully able to ansuer all objections that might be made agt the same and convince their said Patron of the contrary in every respect. . . . I 244.

21 November 1747.

The Conveener and members of Court having taken under their consideration the great charge they bring yearly upon the trade by meetings &c and spendings thereat They agreed and resolved in time coming that there shall be nothing charged for the Election Dinner or to the Lads at the Election or for opening the Box and sighting the mortcloaths or at the Whitsundays Court or at private sighting and publick sighting of the Counts All which are abolished and taken away in all time comeing, as is all funds at Elections, and that nothing shall be charged to the publick on that account in time comeing, and they also diminish the office fee two shillings being only six pound scots, for ringing the Bell only one shilling sterling drawing out the Accounts to six pence sterl. yearly, and they appoint the forsaid Committee or any four of them to enquire into how the Hospitall wemen has been payed and charged and to report, and in time coming that all private meetings shall be in the Trades hall and the Courts in the Court house. I 252.

18 JUNE 1757.

The said day the Conveener represented that when he ordered a warning to the respective trades to meet at the Cross to go to burialls yet after warning to come they willfully neglected themselves to attend which is a great loss to the trades in generall as people who call for the mortcloaths and expect the trades company, think they are slighted by them Therefor the Conveener and members of Court, enacted and hereby ordain and enact, That in all time comming every tradesman who does not attend Burialls when called by the officer thereto shall pay four shilling scots money for each transgression or be poinded for the value thereof, in case he cannot shew a lawfull reason for his not attendance, and also certifying each deacon who does not attend without a lawfull excuse as aforesaid shall pay for each transgression six shilling money forsaid or be poinded for the value as said is, and which fynes to be for the use of the poor. I 310.

15 DECEMBER 1759.

The Conveener Deacons and Members of Court having considered the great benifite, utility and advantage that the Infirmary at Aberdeen is off to all ranks and degrees of people, and more especially to the poorer sort, and that it is chiefly supported and maintained by the Bounty and good will of others. That it is the intention of this Court to give a small gratuity towards that good and usfull work Therefore the Court unanimously agreed that fourty shillings sterling shall be paid into the Theas^r or Cashier of the Infirmary. I 322.

5 JUNE 1762.

Their being a complaint made by the Boxmaster anent the weavers haveing applyed to the Magistrates in a matter anent placeing a woman in the hospitall contrary to the acts of the Court Which difference being laid before the Patron was settled by him But in order to prevent abuses for the future The Court unanimously agree that for the future there shall be no person received into the hospitall without calling a court of the Conveener Boxmaster and Deacons of the rexive. trades, and whoever is by a majority of them agreed on to be fitt person to be received, such person and none else shall be received into the said hospitall and

as this is the agreement of the Court The weavers complained upon Doe hereby acknowledge that they did wrong in counter acting the Rules of the Court in foresaid matter and doe hereby oblige themselves not to be guilty of such practice for the future wnder the samen penaltys as contained in the former Acts. I 339.

16 NOVEMBER 1765.

As it is not so easy to make out the Courts accompts in Scots money which has been hitherto the practice The Court ordain all the Collectors Accompts to be made out in Sterling money for the future. I 351.

7 NOVEMBER 1767.

The Court considering that severall of the widows who demand charity from the Court Decline possessing the Hospitall qch is ordained and fitted up for the reception of pouer widows.

They therefore Statute and ordain that in all time comeing when any widow applys for Charity she must accept of an apartment in the house Otherways be intituled to no Charity, and if two widows shall be applying at one and the same time, in that case the eldest of the two shall have the option of possessing the house or not, But if both refuse the benefite they are to be struck of the Charity,—it being to the Loss of the house greatly to want possessors who must burn fire therein. I 358.

18 NOVEMBER 1769.

The same day the Hammermen Trade gave in a Petition to the court setting forth that their members were so few within the trade that they craved the Court to give them liberty to chuse members without the Town in offices except Deackon and Boxmasters and to which the Court agreed. I 362.

14 NOVEMBER 1772.

Thereafter complaint was made that the Taylor trade had made choise of a Deacon not qualified by Law as having attended a Non jurant meeting house more than two times last year, And as that Deacon had not come to Court to ans^{r} for him, And as the members of the Taylor

trade present agreed that the objection ag^{t} their Deacon was true The Court agree to reserve the consideration of the objection till their Deacon be called to a Conveener Court to be held for the purpose, And if then the objection is by him acknowledged or proved in terms of Law The Court are of opinion that he will be disqualified meantime the Conveener Court agree that the Taylors present shall not vote in the election of a Conveener But how soon this attour is brought to a Bearing the Court agree that the Taylor trade be then admitted to all their priviledges. I 367.

28 February 1778.

The Conveener proposed that to testify their respect to the son of their Provost Leu^{t} Maclean and the Constitutionall supremacy of the Mother Country over the Colonies they should affter the example of most of the Corporations in Scotland offer a Bounty of one Guinea over and above all other bounties to every recruit that shall enlist within the liberties of the town betwixt this and the first day of May with Lewtenant Rodrick Maclean son of Hugh M^{c}lean Esqr of Coll to which the meeting present excepting one did aggree and ordred this to be published in the Aberdeen Journall the money to be payed by their boxmaster Andrew Lawson blacksmith. I 378.

5 May 1792.

In a full meeting of the Trads of Old Aberdeen it was represented to the Trades that there was a proposall to the trads for celling the house belonging to them comenly called the Hospitle and being delibrated upon they came to the following resoulation that they would cell it for fifty pound sterling and impowrs the Convneer and Box Master to make the best bargain they cane with a desctirany power for the same. I 402.

4. *Extracts from the Minutes of the Hammermen Trade.*

31 October 1608.

The said day the saids croft hes giwen ther aithis that they sall concur and asyst in all thingis godly and honest w^{t} ther said deacon to the weill of the Toun and craftis and nane of tham controw nor gain

stand the actis set doun in this buik ther awin consentis vnder the panes of fourtie shilingis albeit it war againes them.

The said day it is statut that the officer of the said croft passing throu the croft and lau^{lly} ilk persoun person^{ll} or at ther dualling houss ane nicht befoir the curt and not compeirand the curt being lau^{lly} fensit ilk persone absent to pay four shilingis for his absens and or he be hard in judgment.

The said day it is statut that nae man iniur ane vther nor truble [him] efter ane fencit curt vnder the pane of fourtie shilings.

The said day it is statut and ordenit that na man wirk nor tak ane buithe w^{t}in this burghe of Auld Abd. w^{t}out he be lau^{lly} admittit be the deacon and craft and his entrie payit vnder the panes of the dowbling of his entrie his entres being ten libs.

The said day it is statut and ordenit that gif ony man happins to incur the danger of poynding and maks ony defessment the persone dissobey or w^{t} consent of the haill croft sall pay the dowble of the sowme that the perseuing partie sall eve^{d} againes the defender.

The said day it is statut and ordenit that quhat someuir persone or persones reweills that quhat he payis for his entrie ayther to man or wyff or quhat is doing in the said curt being suorne and his grayt aithe takine thervpon to be in the vnley of fourtie shilings toties quoties by mansuering of him selff.

The said day it is statut and ordenit be the deakin w^{t} consent of the craft that q^{t}sumeuir persone or persones complenis on vtheris to the ballies (except it be on bluid or blae) and not first to the dakin conveiner or deakin of the said croft for the tyme ilk persone contrauener sall pay xiijs 4d toties quoties and gif the deakin conveiner or deakin of the croft for the tyme refuss to gif the complener justice it sall than be lesum to the complener to appeill him to the ballies for justice and the dakin conveiner and deikin of the croft for the tyme to incur the of the penalatie in respect of ther refussall. I I.

21 November 1608.

The said day the haill croft of the hammermen being convenit and Wm Kelman deacon geving in his bill againes James Hunter for certane vrangis blasphaming and misreporting of the said W^{m} behynd his back on worthalie the said W^{m} prewing the same be honest famous vitnesses

to wit Duncan Barcar and Arthor Gibsoune and being sufficiently prewed the haill craft convictis the said James in amerciament of curt and to pay the sowme of fourtie shilingis in exampel of vthers to comit the lyk . . . I 5.

26 March 1611.

The said day it is statut and ordennit that quhatsumevir persone or persones of the said croft iniuris vtheris or maks ony offence w^t^in the said burghe or vtherwayis be nicht or be day ilk persone or persones sall pay the sowm of fourty shilingis for the first fault and four libs for the secund fault and discharge of ther fredom at the third fault. I 15.

22 November 1618.

The said day the Deakin is bound and oblest to gif to the said craft four heid courtis in the yeir and fordder gif the same bies requyrit vnder the panes contenit in the acts of parliament and gif it sall happin ony of the said craft to requyr ane court by and attor the saids four curtis the pairtie desyrer therof to pay for the same and the first of the saids four heid courtis by and attor this pnt. court to begine the secund mounday efter Martimes nixt and fra thyn furthe ane mounday ilk weike. I 36.

November 1618.

The said day the visitor w^t^ consent of the haill craft convictis Androw Barcar sone lauchfull to wmq^ll^ Duncan Barcar smythe in Auld Abd. in amerciament of court And that for the passing fra Alexander Barcar his eldest brother his seruice, being the said Alexander his fiet seruand and cloisit w^t^in termes w^t^ him, as also for the passing in ower the said Alexander his buithe wall but the said Alexander his licence or guiduill, and thairfor is dicernit to pay the sowme of four pundis moe. Thairof fourtie schillings to the said Alexander and the vther fourty shilings to the said craft, And fordder the said Androw Barcar is dicernit be the said visitor w^t^ consent of the haill craft to rainder restoir and delyuer bak again to the said Alexander, ane suord, thrie lokis, tua sarkis, ane saw, ane bonnet and ane chissell, and the said Alexander to restoir bak agane to the said Androw sic geir as he mellit w^t^ perteining to him and in caice ather of the saids parties contrawenis this pnt. decreit the pairtie contrawener therof to pay to the pairtie obseruer the sowme of ten punds moe. w^t^in terme of law. I 39.

18 October 1619.

The said day compeirit Arthur Gibsone and refuisit ather to hald ane court or to discharge him of his deikinrie for the qlk caus the deikin conweiner tuk the burding vpon him to eleck and cheis the deakin of the hemermen wt consent of the haill croftis. I 41.

November 1620.

I Patrik Walter reider in Auld Abd. grantis me to have receawit frome the hemerman croft the sowme aucht merks scotis moe. and that for the spaice of twa yeirs of the qlk I hald me weill content satisfiet and payit and discharges thame therof and yeirs and termes preceiding the dait heirof to the feist of Mertimes nixt 1621 yeirs be thir pnts. subscrywit wt my hand day yeir and plaice forsaid

Patrik Walter. I 51.

3 November 1637.

The said day compeirit George Andersone and gaif in half ane dollor for the desk Robert Menizes alsmeikill payit Androw Barcar ane mark for the deask Johne Cruikschank half ane doller to the deask payit. I 64.

5 March 1638.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that everie freman sall conwein on the Sunday at the secund bell and he that beis fund absent at the heinmest bell except he be sick and sair or els ane lauchfull excuis sall pay the soum of sex s. 8d. toties quoties to be poindit for vnforgifin. I 67.

23 October 1638.

The said day it is statut and ordanit that ewerie ane that keipis not the kirk boith forenwin and efter nwin in tyme of preiching without leiw askit and gifin or ane lauchfull excus sall pay thre s. four d. I 71.

4 November 1654.

The said day the dicone and reminent of the said traid hes statut and ordainet and be thir pnts. statutis and ordaines That no printis nor

frimane sall not be entrit nor admittit frimane vntill such tyme that he give in ane sufficent seye of quhat traid so ever they be and no other wayes and quhen they goe to mak ther sey it is statut and ordainit that ther be tua of the traid he is of and to put him in ane close hous and seightit twa tymes evrie day q^r^by they gait no help from others for his help to the sd. traid. I 133.

30 DECEMBER 1654.

The said day compeirit Johne Andersone and present ane sey of men and womanes gloves in pnt. of the sd. dicone and remnent of the said traid And finds the said seyes sufficent and that he may and is abell to serve the commonwealth in his said traid of glovrie And decernes and ordanes him to pay for his fridome of the said traid for his pairt of the dask in the Kirk and the mort cloath ane soume of aught merks scotis. I 135.

18 FEBRUARY 1660.

The said day the said Robert Broune [late deacon] and reminent of the haill hamermen traid hes amerciat Andro Barcar [present deacon] in the soume of fourtie shilling scotis to be payit be him to the box m^r^ of the said traid for meddeling and finishing Frances Irving irone wark and the samen to be payit befor ever he receave his pleace And not to haue charge therin till he pay the samen And with all to aggre and drink with George Cuming for bygane transgreationes. I 161.

7 JANUARY 1661.

The said day the dicone maisters and remniant members of the hamermen traid haveing caled and conveined Johne Leidgartwood, wright befor them and haveing examined the said Jon and fund him giltie and not giveing obedience to the dicon and maister conforme to dyvers actis in this book Thairfor the said dicone and maisters discharges the said Jon Leidgartwood of his friedome and of all bennefit that belanges to the said traid dask and mortclothe and of all vther bennifit within the bounds and preiveledges therto belanging in all tyme comeing Ay and vntill he be admittit of new againe vpon his proper charges By and attour the payment of any onlaw or fyne dew be him to them preceiding the dait heirof and thir pnts. to stand but any recalling. I 167.

2 DECEMBER 1664.

The said day anent ane divisioune quhilkis fallin out amongest the hamermen tred in Old Aberdeine concerning the ellectioune of ther maisters and boxmaister Bothe the saids pairtie being discontentit hes submitit the decesioune of the said divisioune to Johne Harvie lait deacane conveinar and to Williame Angus present decane conveinar Hendrie Adam Patrik Clerk lait deacanes arbiters and Thomas Angus lait bailzie odmans and ouermanes and obleigit thairselfis by handis holdin vp and ther honest wordis to stand to ther determinatioune quho tuik vpoune thaim to determene the said divisione The forsaids arbiters and ourmans Doethe allowe the first four maisters to continewe for this present yeir and the boxmaister also and for paice in the tred, They have added Robert Broune Gilbert Smithe to be adjoynat maisters and to continewe for this present yeir and to go on wpoune leit for the ensuing yeir at ther ellectione als veill as the vther four and the forsaid sex persones to be lyable to the deacane conveinar court for the said yeir give the deacane conveinar putts thaim to any chairge . . . I 191.

2 MAY 1668.

The sd. day forsaemeikill as ther being ane contraversie and debait amongst the hamerman trade to witt betuixt the glovers and the remanent members of the sd. trade anent the glovers ther separatione from the rest of the sd. hamermen as intending ane Incorporation be themselfis And the sd. haill trade haveing mett and the forsd. contraversie being debaitted amongst them and haveing finallie agriet and condiscendit with the speciall advyce and consent of the bischop of Abd. and baillies of Old Abd. and deacon conveiner of the haill trades of the sd. citie of Old Abd. to remane and continue in one Incorporatione with the rest of the sd. hamerman trade as they were in vse and custome abefore and the decisione of the sd. contraversie being referrit to the said deacon conveiner and haveing condiscendit unanimouslie to remaine and continue in ane incorporatione as formerlie as sd. is Thairfor the deacon conveiner forsd. decerns and ordains in the first that James Symsone one of the sd. glover trade sall pntlie. be installed w^t consent of the haill deacons and maisters of the trades w^tin this toune as ane maister till michaelmas nixt Mvj^c sixtie aucht yeires As lykwyse that the glovers

sall have full power everie yeir to nominat and present ane maister of thair oune trade to the deacon of the trade and whosoever beis upon the leit and the voices being equall the deacon to have full power to nominat any of those who ar upon the sd. leit and his determinatione to stand w^t^out any contradictione under the faillie of ane hundreth punds scots money to be payit to the partie braker. I 207.

11 JANUARY 1669.

The sd. day compeirit Jon Couts wright and being conveinit before the trade for abuseing of James Symsone pnt. deacon of the trade wpon the sabbath day anent there seatts in the hamermans dask and the sd. Jon compeirand appealled from the court to the deacon conveiner court and protested that q^t^ sould be decerned against him sould be null and of no availl force strength nor effect and therupon tuik act and instru^t^

The sd. day it is enacted statute and ordainit be the deacon maisters and haill members of the hamerman trade that the tuo foire pewes of the dask belonging to the trade and nixt to the pulpitt sall be reserved onlie to Wm Lin the deacon of the trade four maisters and boxmaister to sitt therein and whosoever vther of the trade sall sitt in the sds tuo foir pewes at any tyme heir after sall pay 40s and the samen to be payit w^t^in 15 dayes nixt after ilk faillie and breach. I 214.

29 SEPTEMBER 1670.

The sd. day George Cuming deacon haveing submitted himself to the trade for his submitting of Alex^r^ Sym capper his compositione to the deacon conveiner and his court without the consent and advyce of the members of the hamerman trade and therfor was decernit be James Symsone judge substitute and appoynted be the trade in ane amerciament of court and therfor to pay to the trade fyve pund scots money w^t^in terme of law and to acknowledge his fault before the trade. I 223.

18 JANUARY 1675.

The sd. day Allex^r^ Christall wright was decernit in ane amerciament of court and that for his tacking of Johne & James Coutes ther work over ther heads qlk they were working in the Colledge bounds to Johne Branes cordiner burges of Abd. conforme to a contract past betuixt the sd. Johne

Branes and the sds. Johne and James Coutes of the dait the tuantie day of March Mvj^{c} seventie tuo yeires the sd. Jon Branes being restand to the sds. wrights seven pund scots of the pryce of ther work and this conforme to ane act of the trades court maid theranent Mvj^{c} and sextie [?] yeires and that be vertue of lau^{ll} probatione led and deduced against him anent his intromissione with the sd. work and therfor to pay to Jon Jonstone pnt. boxmaister of the trade and his successors box maisters for the vse and vtilitie of the trade four pund scots money conforme to the tenor of the sd. act within terme of law wnder the paine of poynding of his reddest guides and geir for the samen. I 248.

16 March 1685.

The said day it is enacted statute and ordained be the deacan with consent of the haill members of the trade That whatsumever persone who is prenteise to any frieman within the trade at present or sall be prenteise to any frieman heirafter sall presume to abuse ther maisters by giveing them evill language or any sort of provocatione for stirring them to wrath and sall not give ther maisters due obedience as becometh servants to ther maisters ilk persone prenteise transgressand sall pay fourtie shilling scots for the first fault and four pound for the second fault lyk as it is enacted that if the maister abuse strick or provok his servant without ane relevant caus and reasone showen to the deacan and trade and maid out and accepted be them as reasonable Than and in that caise the maister so provocking and abuseing the servant sall pay als much to the trade toties quoties. I 303.

26 November 1692.

The said day forsaemeikill as Allex^{r} Christall pnt. deacan of the trade being absent workeing in the countrie in the paroche of Glas as sd. is and being advertised be the trade by letters to come home for electing ther deacan (the tyme of electione being long since elapsed) and he nevertheless remaining absent The haill trade conforme to the act of the baillie court haveing therby ordered the trade to meit this day preceislie and chuise ther deacan under a certaine fyne and Androw Gray lait deacan to sit as judge in the sd. electione in place of the sd. Allex^{r} Christall and accordinglie the haill members of the trade haveing

mett and being all punctuallie conveined (James Thomsone on of the baillies lykwyse sittand with the said Androw Gray to sie the electione ordorlie proceided in) and ane debait aryseing amongst the members of the trade some of them being for the electione this same day conforme to the act of the baillie court, and others for continuatione therof for eight dayes space The Baillie foirsd. for ending and tacking away that debait ordored the electione to be referred to voites onlie for keiping peace amongst them, and after ther voites were all collected, by pluralitie of the same the electione was to be this same day and so the trade lykwyse by pluralitie foirsd. of voites did elect and chuise the sd. Androw Gray to be ther deacan for the ensueing yeir who accepted the sd. office in and upon him and gave his oath to the trade of his fidelitie in pns. of the foirsd. baillie. I 341.

23 December 1699.

The said day Thomas Moir compeired and gave in his sey appoynted to him be the trade being a copper tankard which being seene and visited was found unsufficient being but ane old tankard and therfor was rejected and the deaken and trade tacking the same as ane affront and a peice of mockerie Therfore the deaken and trade ordores the said Thomas Moir to mack the same kynd of sey againe new and sufficient and may be found of such qualitie as may fit to please his majesties leiges and to supplicat the trade for his admissione before the macking of the sey otherwayes depryves the sd Thomas of working any work qch concerns the trade and of all benefite he may have by the same and depryves of the benefite off dask and mort cloathes. I 385.

8 November 1707.

The said day it is statute and ordained be the decon and haill members of the Court vnanimouslie That in all tym coming that the smithes and glovers wrights and coupers shall have Two of the smiths and glovers and Two of the wrights and cowpers in all tyme coming to be the four masters of the Traid provyding alwyse that they be capable for the sd. place and that they shall be chosen by the plurall voce of the decon and Traid notwithstanding of the former act maid theranent which is vnanimouslie maid voyd and null. II 17.

1 October 1722.

The said day it was represented that Lewis Gordon wright being imployed to make a double coffin for the Laird of Kinmundy Hade not only imployed Peter Gray Wright in Abd^{n} his serveant for helping to make the first coffin in this towne without consent or advyce of the Deacon contrar to acts of court but hade also by himself and the sd. Peter Gray made the second coffine in Aberdeen and brought over the same made work to this City which is both offensive and approbrious to the incorporationes of this City Which being considered and the sd. Lewes his submitting himselfe to the sentence of the trade for the forsd. abuse Therfor they fyned and amerciat him in the sume of Ten punds scots and he instantly satisfied the wholl court and was discharged. II 91.

12 December 1726.

The which day The Deacon made report That he and the others impowered 26 Nover. last had conform to the said powers petitioned the Session Ministers and others concerned That they had gott ane Act of the Kirk Session of Old Aberdeen in their favours approven by the presbetry of Aberdeen with consent of the Heritors and Magistrats for building ane Loft directly above the wedding Kirk door betwixt the pillar to the West of the Ministers seat and the pillar to the east of the Common Loft Allowing tuo seats of the said loft within the body of the Kirk out with the saids pillars Which being considered by the Deacon and trade They unanimously appointed the Deacon and Masters to meet and to cause draw out a scheme of the work and also appoints them to aggree with any tradesmen ane or more who shall work good work and cheapest for up putting the said Loft conform to the said Scheme And appoints them to borrow tuo hundred pund scots for that effect. II 119.

1 April 1727.

Thereafter it was unanimously approved that the Wrights and Coupers arms being Square and Compass should be removed from the shield contained in the Hammermens Arms and liberty granted to them to affix the same in any other pannell of the said loft they please On performance whereof the Deacon and haill Trade appoints the Contract

to be discharged and the Loft to be possessed to morrow being Pasche Sunday And appoints all the Members to be present that Sunday and each Sunday afterwards under the failzie of one shilling sterling or els to give a sufficient reason in the contrair. II 121.

18 April 1730.

Wee under subscrywing the Deacones and Masters of the Hammermen and Wrights and Coopers of Old Aberdeen Having seen the accompts of the publick manadgement of James Michie laite deacone of the sd. Trades and John Clerk laite Boxmaster untill the sd. Trades were divided by a grant from his Majesty King George the second and having found the sd. acc^{t} just fair and true Do heirby Discharge Quite Claim and Exoner the sd. James Michie and John Clerk of their intromissions with the founds or money belonging to the sd. Trads. John Mowat deacon Pat Cristall deacon &^{c}. II 133.

5. *Extracts from the Minutes of the Weaver Trade.*

January 1636.[1]

The ordinare Statuts off the veyver Trad of the citie of Old Aberdeine and coledg bounds set doune (set doune be the said trad and ratified be the majestrats of the said citie and coledge) To be observed in tym coming vnder the painis tharin contained and the onlawes therine specified to be exactlie takine vp and distributed according to the tennor theroff in all poynts.

I.

The said day it is statut and ordaint be the Deacone with consent off the haill trad that the haille masters prenteces and servants of the sd. veyver trad keepe the chvrch evrie saboth in tyme of preachings within this citie in tyme coming vnder the pains following viz all masters absent thre s. four d. scots money and evrie prentes or servand two s. scots for evrie preaching they happin to be absent frae ; from the begining of the

[1] The statutes are copied into the beginning of vol. ii., and are again repeated in the same volume at the end.

preaching to the ending to be veeklie poyndet be our officiare and the poynds mad sillver off and delivered to the box master for the tyme and to be puttine to the vtilitie and welfare of the sd trade.

2.

It is statute and ordainet be the deaccone with consent of the wholl trad forsd. that no vnfriemane haw libertie to enter within this brugh or coledg bounds and evrie fremane that hapines to be admited befor his admissione to the sd. trad shall pey his arles pennie to the box master as vse is in free burrowes and shall work three peces of wark caled his Masters sey viz, ane small linnen wob: ane small plaid ane small sey wob or steming making the graithes that warks them with his own hand without any helpe within the deacons house or any other part which the deacone shall think expedient which being ordinarlie done and performit the deaccone shall signifie the samen to the Majestrats of the toune and principall or members of the coledge to the effect they may cause the sd. persone that desyres to be admited fremane bring and report ane sufficient testimoniall of his lyfe and conversatione frae the part q^{r} he med his residence abefore and therefter his entrie silver for his freedome to the sd. trad to be modifie be the deaccone and remnant brethren of the trad provydand the samen be not les modifiet nor the soum of sextein pounds money forsd. and his entire silver whatsamever to be taken up be the box master with the soume of aught pounds to the boxmaster of the trad for ane dinner the haill entire silver whatsomever to be imployed for the vtilitie and welfare of the sd. trad the suplicant whatsomever being found fammous and honest be the majestrats and qualified be the trad to be admited freman within this brugh and citie of Old Abd. and coledg bounds and the first yeare of his entres to the trad to be officiar, and if ther hapens two to be admited in ane yeare the last admited to be officiare the next yeare imediatlie after his admissione.

3.

It is statute and ordaint that the freedome of prenteses learned withine the toun shall be onlie aught pounds with ane diñer to our own trad and if he be second sone to ane fremane albeit he learne not the trad within the toune to be bot as mekle as the forsd. soume of eight pounds with ane dinner to be taken up be the box master and to be puten

to the vtilitie and welfare of the trad and if any freemans eldest sone being found qualified and admited as sd. is he shall be free for ane dinner onlie.

5.

Item itt is statute and ordaint that in caice it happine any of the trad to be compleaned vpone for not doing their faithfull dutie and working in due tym sik work as beis comited to ther charge the deacone shall tak tryall and inquisitione theranent and if the parties compleaned vpon hapen to be found guiltie the compleaner is to be satisfied according to the gratitud of the wrong as the deaccone shall injoyne the partie compleaned vpon shall pey for the first fault fourtie s. for the second fault four pounds and for the third falt shall losse his freedome and that for eschewing of sclander and the saids vnlaws to be taken vp be the box master toties qvoties and the wholl to be putten to the vse of the trad.

7.

Item it is statute that non of the trad receave his neighboures warped work without leave of the warper and at the least without leave of the deaccone vnder the paine of tene shiling to the weilfare of the trad.

10.

Item it is statute and ordained be the deaccone forsd. with consent forsd. that non of the trad within this toune and coledg bounds giv any cloath in litle cutts to walkers vnles they shew the rest of the wob to the deaccone of the trad vnder the paine of fortie shilings vnforgiven.

12.

Item it is statute and ordaint be the deaccon and masters of the sd. trad that iff any freeman give any mor nor sixteine shilings to ane taskmen for his fie in the year he shall pay the soum of fourtie s. to the boxmaster toties quoties and no man shall enter his servantt without he com to the deaccone and receave liccence.

13.

Item it is statut and ordained be the deaccone and masters forsd. that give any man receave his neighboures servant without he be free of his master he shall pey to the trad the soum of fourtie shilings and at leist speire his masters leive.

14.

Item it is statute and ordained be the deaccone and masters forsd. that if any free man borrow his neighboures working touls and putt them in oftner nor once or leve them to any other name without he seek it from him that owes it he shall pey the soum of fourtie shilings to the trad. II 1.

27 DECEMBER 1637.[1]

The said day the decone and his masters hes ordanitt thatt no man presume to sitt in the bak deis butt he that in ofes or hes bein in offeis abefor and the pntt. men thatt is in offes for the yeir sell sett in eist mestt end and the elld[r] offes men to seit in uttmeistt eind and that no man clos the dice enttres under the paine of four silling. I 7.

26 FEBRUARY 1638.

The said day the decoun and maisteris hes statut and ordined that give any man agrie with ane callent to vark and give it schall happine any vther to go efter that and agrie vith that callent chaffer nor he quho did agre abefor he schall pey the half of the preyce of the vob and that to be vsed to the veill fair of the craft. I 9.

19 MAY 1640.

I Robert Ross sumtyme servitor to Androw Henderson vobster in Auld Abd. grantis me to have resawit from Thomas Angus visitor of the vobsters of Auld Abd. the soume of fourtie sex shillingis aucht penies and that in compleit payment and satisfaction of all that I may ask and crawe from the craft for taking the burding of ane souldiership for them vnder capten Jon Leslie laird of Petkepell and discharges them be this my acquittance. I 31.

9 NOVEMBER 1641.

The said day it is statut and ordanit with consent of the deakin quartermaisters and haill croft that quhatsumewer he be that offendis vthers ather in the Spittell or Auld Abd. being sufficientlie prowen sall pay the soum of Twantie schillingis toties quoties.

[1] The first minute is dated 16th June, 1636, and is that of the election of David Abill, deacon.

The said day Johne Rollie grantid to haue receawit the court bwik and obliess him newer to schawe the bwik to no man bot the croft and in ane fensit court as he sall ans^{r} to god. I 43.

27 DECEMBER 1641.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be consent of the maist pt of the haill croft that Johne Rolle deakin and Thomas Dollas all agrie togidder pntlie and to pay halff ane gallone aill ilk ane of thame and quha refussis to do the samen sall pay Twantie schillingis. I 44.

22 MAY 1643.

The said day it is statut and ordanit be the deakin maisters and remanent of the said brethren that Gilbert Robertsone wobster in Spittell sall wywe to Cristane Browne dochter to Johne Browne burges of Abd. Twa pair of hewit plaidis and the said Cristane to giff him the haill warpe of twa pair of plauds of sufficient hewit yarne and the said Gilbert sall mak woft to the saids twa pair of plaidis of the warp and woft that he hes pntlie of the said Cristanes awin yarne and gif he dois in the contrar the said Cristiane gifand the yarne as said is sall pay the soum of four pundis by and attour the wyweing of the saids plaidis in the first terme Lamie efter the recept of the said yerne to be furthcumand to the weill of the said croft. I 52.

26 AUGUST 1644.

It is statut and ordaned that Jon Law shall doe all deutie to his prentes Jo^{n} Brabner according to ther last condition and give the said Jo^{n} Law strikis the said Jo^{n} Brabner extraordinat it is decernit that the boy shall be frie of his maister and siklyk the said Jo^{n} Brabner shall serve his said maister as thrall prentes during his tyme and both the saidis pairties shall be lyabill for ther onlawis for ther vrongis against the nixt court. I 61.

26 MAY 1646.

The said day the haill members w^{t} the decane of the said croft having teine to ther pitifull consideratione of the great burning of Johne Ray wover frieman in new Aberdeine of his dueling and haill guds therin all being brunt gaif to the said Johne Ray out of the box Ten merks of siller w^{t} sex for plaids. I 72.

28 May 1649.

The said day annent ane wrong done be James Law in vronging the croft being skanderit be James Jamesone servitor to the said James Law and being delaitit be him the delatione being that the said James Law hed wrongit Elspet Midletoune spous to Mr Williame Strauq^n^ minister in old Abd. in vorking sowme luning clothe givne be the said elspet to the said James Law to work and that the said James Law heid tein sowme yearne of the said Elspet her vob and maid servitis to himself The said proba°ne therof being referrit to George Donnald and Johne Walker than servants to the said James Law the said James Law nothing saying againes the said vitnessis They being sworne ilk ane of thame declairit the dela°ine to be trewe Lykas the said Elspet Middeltone in pns. of Johne Forbes bailzie and in pns. of her husband and in pns. of Thomas Angus deacane Androw Youngsone Gilbert Robertsone William Wobster quarter maisters the said Elspet declairit all that vas done wrong be the said James Law vas done be her awine consent, In respect q^r^of the deacane (w^t^ consent of the haill croftis the members therof) decernit the said James Law to pey to the said croft Ten merkis in present money and never to have plaice in the croft as ane deacane quarter maister or any wther place of the croft therof during the spaice of four yeirs nixt coming for the skandell done be the said James Law to the croft. I 89.

21 May 1653.

The forsaid day the deakine and masters v^t^ consent of the maist pairt of the tred ordined that q^t^ soeuer he be amongst the tred that miscalls others by any degre or call others fals theiff the pairtie trangressor shall pey to the vell of the craft four pund or higher according to his fawlt. I 111.

11 August 1660.

The said day the dicone and maisters hes statut and ordaint and be their pnts. statutis and inactis in all tyme comeing That no man of the traid aggrie with no work whatsomever vntill the samen be in the lomme or vther wayes he or they that does the samen the dicone and maisters is heirby hald nowayes to give them no asistance. I 133.

7 February 1665.

The said day it vis statut and ordeanit be the deacone and haill members of the croft annent the working of stuffis for making of thaim sufficient merchand waris That no frimane work anny tuynt stuff unles They give fyve hundrethe warp at least, and the clothe salbe maid sufficient and sall give the visitors content quho is this present yeir following till michalmes nixt Williame Wobster Williame Andersone quho ves chossine visitors and gave ther aithes of fidelitie theranent Siklyk q^t^soever frimane takis ane clyant frome his nichtbour and work sic appear not tua shillingis scottis at the least for ilk elne according to the smalnes of the stuff quhat moe. they agrie for the frimane that taks it sall pay fourtie shillingis to him that did agrie abefor and tuentie shillingis to the Box of the Tred and any quho is fund vrong in vorking be the visitors sall pay Tuentie shilling to the vs of the said Tred. I 150.

21 June 1665.

The said day Johne Laa vover in Old Aberdene having Thrie pair of fin grane plaids in voving pertening to Williame Allardes burges of Aberdene qlk plaids the said Johne Laa reseavit in voving therof long ago and the said Williame Allardes and Jeane Kenneir his spovs having complenit to the said Williame Angus decane conveiner and to the said John Leask deacane of the Tred for not delivering of the said plaids voveine bak againe qlk complent being hard The decane conveiner and the deacane of the tred decernit and ordeanit the said John Laa to vove the said thrie pair of fingrane plaids good and sufficent vork be the sight of the saids deacanes and to begine and vork therof upoune the last day of Julij nixt and to work wpoune the said plaids and wpoune no wther wark full they be vt redy under the failzie of the pryce of the saids thrie pair of plaids to be seine and considderet be the said decane and maisters of the Tred by and attour the damnage and interests. I 152.

3 November 1666.

The said day it vas ordeanit be the decane and members of court that everie jurneyman that is fiet with ane maister sall keip his service dewlie and for ilk days absence he beis frome his wark without leive of his maister askit and given than and in that caice sall pay fourtie penies to his maister. I 155.

12 MARCH 1667.

The said day the deacane maisters and haill members of the tred being convenit annent the aditioune of an trid pew to the deask in the kirk it vis agriet wpoune that quho hes not ther names on the deask abefor sall have power to put on ther names on the new wark ether be two letters or be ther haill names as the croft sall agrie amongst thamselfis and the sowme that ilk man peys is to be peyit betuixt the dait heirof and the tuentie third instants vnder the failzie of the doubling of the sowme agret be ilk man. I 155[a].

20 JULY 1668.

The sd. day compeirit Alex[r] Walker weaver and was decernit be the deacon maisters and maist p[t] off the trade convenit at the tyme in ane wnlaw and fyne of fourtie shilling scots money and that for the saying (the maist p[t] of the weaver trade being conveined and pnt. in W[m] Angus deacon conveiner his hous and in pns. of Alex[r] Irwing thesaurer) that ther was not ane honest man amongst them all but Alex[r] Irwine allenarlie to the great disgrace of the trade and being rebuikit for the same be the deacone and being desyrit be him to crave him and the trade pardone for his sd. miscariage and misdemeanour was dissobedient to him theranent and would not doe the same and therfor the deacon and remanent of the trade decerns in maner foirsd. both for his sd. miscariage and dissobedience of the deacone contrair to ane former act maid theranent in the yeir of God Mvj[c] thretie sex yeires As lykwyse to goe to the same hous and place q[r] the offence was cōmitted and done and ther mak such satisfactione to the deacone and trade as he sould be enjoyned be them to doe. I 160.

17 MAY 1673.

Lyk as it is enacted statute and ordanit be the deacan with unanimous consent of the haill trade that the high back dask of the trades dask be reserved allenarlie for old deacon conveiners pnt. deacons and maisters of the trade, and that none uther of the trade sitt in the sd. back dask in tyme cuming but allenarlie the priviledged persones above specifiet under the faillie of 40s. scots toties quoties for ilk transgressione conforme to ane former act maid theranent. II 17.

24 May 1683.

The sd. day thair was taken furth of the Box be the deacan with the wnanimous consent of the haill trade sexteine punds scots money quhilk was payit to Allex^r Ross painter for colloureing and painting of the trades dask and ther was left in the Box Tuell pund tuentie tuo pennies les. II 46.

11 April 1696.

Lyk as it is enacted be the deacan with consent of the trade that no frieman in the trade keip any prenteise or servant above a moneths tyme at farthest wntill he acquaint the pnt. deacan therwith wnder the faillie of fourtie shilling scots to be payit to the trade be the resetter and keiper of such persones. II 79.

6. *Act of Council establishing the Gardeners' Society.*

[1] At Old Aberdeen the Eleventh day of May One thousand Seven hundred and fifty four years In presence of the Magistrates of the City of Old Aberdeen Anent the Petition given in to them by John Wallace, George Paul, James Allen, Andrew Davidson, Thomas Chives, Hugh Wallace, George Hutcheon, William Smith, Junior, William Smith, Senior, Thomas Mores and James Fruce For and in name of themselves and others concerned or that may hereafter be concerned as Gardeners in said City of Old Aberdeen.

Making mention That some of their predecessors in the said Art and Bussiness, their Wives and Children, have laboured under the greatest poverty, and have been burthensome to the public Charitable funds for their support in life and been obliged to the same, or to Contributions from door to door for their Burialls, occasioned by the Neglect of having never made any settlement and aggreement among themselves anent a publick fund, which might in some good measure have Relieved their necessitous brethren and their Relations during life, and defrayed the expenses of their funeralls when dead, And that for the preventing in proces of time, any of themselves, their posterity and successors in the

[1] *Council Register*, vol. viii., p. 296.

said Art and bussiness within this City, and parioch and liberties of both, Who by old age and Infirmity of body and otherwise, may be reduced to povertie, Their becomming burdensome to any publick charitable funds, The saids petitioners, are willing to Enter into a Society, Under the name of the Gardner Fraternity of Old Aberdeen, And to Contribute a small sum each, Quarterly According to their liberties In order to raise a Stock or fund for the Releiff of their decayed brethren, their Wives and Children, But considering that this their Pious and Charitable design, cannot be so well effectuate without the concurance of the Honorable the Magistrates and Town Councill and their Authority interposed thereto: And therefor with all humility desireing and intreating their Concurrance and Approbation as said is, and that they would be pleased to Grant them, ane Act of Town Councill, Constituting the Petitioners and their Successors a Body Corporate for the above purposes, With power to the said petitioners, and their Successors To Contribute each quarterly, The sum of three Shilling Scots money, and to pay in the same to some proper person member of their Society for the uses and purposes aforsaid . . .

The said Magistrates and Councill Having heard seen and considered the said Petition and being weell and Ripely advised therewith Did and hereby Do Ratifie, Homologate and Approve the said pious intention of the Petitioners, And Statute and Ordain

1mo That the Petititioners shall have liberty to erect themselves into a Society under the name of the Gardner fraternity of Old Aberdeen, and are hereby erected accordingly, with power to them to choose a Master, Boxmaster and three other Mannagers every three years, upon the Second day of August or nixt lawfull day thereafter, If the same shall happen upon Sunday, and the first Generall Meetting is hereby appointed to be held upon the Second day of August nixt or nixt lawfull day thereof for the said purpose; Reserving to each of them Power to demitt their offices at the end of two years, and that their Boxmasters Accompts shall be visited and cleared in presence of a Generall Meetting of the Fraternity upon the second day of August yearly, or nixt lawfull day, And that upon the said day, his Cautioner shall be bound of new for his Intromissions for the succeeding year, or he shall find a new Cautioner, in the option of the Fraternity, and that the said Cautioner shall be no member of the fraternity.

2do That the Petitioners and their Successors Gardners in Old Aberdeen shall be a Body Corporate under the name and title forsaid Having power to Contribute the sum of three shilling scots each quarterly, In order to raise a fund for the pious designs mentioned and to lend the same out at interest: And when increased to Five hundred merks or above, To purchass houses or lands therewith . . .

3tio That if any Office Bearer remove from the Town, or become Bankrupt That immediately, upon any such event, the masters shall call a meetting of the Fraternity, and fill up his place for the time that is to run of the Currency of his office.

4to That when the eldest son of any of the labouring members shall incline to enter into the said Society, He shall only pay the common dues to the Toun Treasurer, and five shilling sterling to the Boxmaster for the time being, with his quarterly p[ennies]

5to That when any Gentleman Burger or other Good man, aggreable to the Mannagers, who is not a labouring Gardner by possession, or does not reside within the Town or Liberties, shall incline to become a Member, He may and shall be received and admitted without paying any composition to the Town Treasurer or to the Societys Boxmaster, But he shall befor this admission pay in to the said Boxmaster the sum of as a complement to the Poor of the Society, As also his quarterly money in all time after his admission, as the labouring members do, and that the said sum given in Complement as aforsaid; shall be added to the Stock of the said Society, and accompted for by the Boxmaster at the settling of his accompts.

6to That the Master, Boxmaster and the other Mannagers and these only shall have power, and be intituled to examine the qualifications of every entring labouring member, with respect to his skill and knowledge in Gardnery and his stock and circumstances With all which if the said Managers shall not be fully satisfied, He is not to be admitted a Member, Provideing That the Magistrates and Town Council shall approve of the reasons why he is ejected and refused to be admitted, To whom the Petitioner or Offerer may apply for redress, if he thinks himself aggreived or prejudged.

7mo That each admitted Member his Wife and Children if depauperate, shall have right and title to the charity of the said Society funds

and that only according to their Beheaviour and to the contributions they have made.

8vo That it shall be in the power of the Fraternity, when objects of their charity shall offer, To distribute to their Indigents, to the extent of their whole quarterly payments, But that the payments at the Entrys, and the interest of the Stock, shall go to the Increass of the Fund, ay and untill the same shall increass to a capitall of a Thousand pound scots.

9mo That when the Stock is increased as aforesaid The same is not to be diminished by donations or pensions to the poor of the Society, But the Rents and profits of the same with the Yearly Contributions are to be distributed among the Indigent Members, at the direction of the annuall meetting for clearing the accompts.

10mo That no part of the Stock of the Society, shall, in all time comming, be applyed towards entertaining the members at their meettings But each member shall defray the Charges of such meettings by equall contributions, out of his own pocket.

11mo That one of the Baillies of the said City shall preside at every Election of Managers, Supervise, Approve and Attest yearly their Accompts for the preceding year. For which purpose, the said Accompts are to be given in to the Magistrates three lawfull days, at least, befor the day of clearing them annually, for their perusall: And it is hereby declaired, That the Baillie so presideing at the Election, or Clearing of the Accompts (if no member of the Society), shall claim no vote therein, But shall only take care That no injustice be done, and that the election be made orderly and regularly.

12mo That no member shall be allowed to vote in any affair of the Society unless he shall pay in his quarterly money, and be in no wise in debt to the Society.

13tio That the Society shall keep a Minute Book and choose some proper person for their clerk, who is a Member: and shall take the oath de fideli administratione, and shall fairly enter all the transactions and procedings; As also that there shall be another book or books keept for the Accompts of their Stock, That the state thereof may clearly appear from time to time Which books shall be open and patent in the clerks hands at all times, for the inspection of the members, without fie or reward.

With and under the above Rules, Conditions and Regulations,

These presents are Granted to the Petitioners, and so accepted by them, and no otherwise, And the Town Councill appoints the Treasurer of the Gardner Fraternity, to Record the names of the Petitioners, and the subsequent entring members of the said fraternity, with the dates of their Entrys and the payment of their compositions, in a Book to be made for that purpose And Declairs that these presents subscribed by the Toun Clerk shall be a sufficient warrand for the haill premisses.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS.

I.—Names of the Inhabitants within the Spittell. 1636.[1]

William Troup in Spittell, his wyff, aucht bairnes, and William Simsone his servant.

Thomas Elmslie, wricht, and his dochter onlie.

Patrick Johnstoun, tailzeour, and his wyiff onlie.

Thomas Robertsone, wobster, his wyff, four bairns, Alexander Senzeour and William Ailes, servantes.

John Adie, cordiner, his wyff and two young bairnes.

Thomas Innes, wobster, and his wyff onlie.

John Wyllie elder, his wyff, James Craighead, Robert Smythe, Alexander Tailzeour, and Mariorie Reid, servantes.

Thomas Dolas, wobster, his wyff, two young bairnes, Alexander Edward, Williame Johnstoune and Cristiane Scherer, servantes.

George Halden, wobster, his wyff, two young bairnes, and Thomas Hall, servant.

Robert Barnet, couper, his wyff and two young bairnes, subtennent to George Halden.

Gilbert Robertsoune, wobster, his wyff and four bairnes.

John Wyllie younger, his wyff and four bairnes.

John Cow, tailzeour, his wyff, four bairnes and Meriorie Wode his gude sister.

George Small, wobster, his wyff, two bairnes and Andro Cuthbert, servant, recept without ane testimoniall.

Hendrie Annand, his wyff and ane servant lase.

Alexander Volume and Agnes Kellie his servant.

[1] *Council Register*, vol. iii., p. 3.

Androw Youngsone, wobster, his wyff, four bairnes, James . . ., John Crewie, Johne Moir and Margaret Littilljohne, servantes.

Andro Boyne, tailzeour, his wyff, and James Howat his servant.

Andro Jaffray, his wyffe and ane bairne.

Gilbert Clerke, absent.

William Blake, his wyff and ane bairne.

Elspet Troup and three bairnes in the canonistes hous extravagantes thair.

Peter Barnet, his wyff and thrie uther strang women.

Johne Porter, wricht, and his wyff absent.

James Skedway, wobster, and his wyff onlie.

Johne Andersone, tailzeour, his wyff, four bairnes, Andro Duthie, Arthour Andersone and Agnes Walker, servantes.

Doctor Williame Gordoun, his wyff, thrie bairnes, James Rainie, George Milne, Jeane Chalmer and Jane Still, servantes.

James Innes, his wyff, his mother, ane bairne, Patrick Davidsone, Andro Bartlet, Williame Gordoune, Issobell Gibsone and Cristiane Pattone, servantes.

Auld Aberdeine.

Thomas Merser, his wyff, three bairnes, Robert and Alexander Volumes, James Donald, Elspet Gray and Elspet Hendrie, servantes.

John Linsie, tailzeour, his wyff, tua bairnes, Andro Davidsone and Jeane Wagrellis, servantes.

Marioune Nisbit, breadseller, hir selfe and ane bairne.

Arthour Gibsone, wricht, himselfe onlie.

George Volume, muxter, his wyff and gude sister absent.

Beatrix Cheilles, with ane servant, of no calling, absent.

Williame Hunter, husbandman, his wyff, thrie bairnes, and Issobell Nicoll, servant.

Alexander Coulles, himselfe and his wyff.

James Law, wobster, his wyff ane bairne, James Irwing and Elspet Aberdour, servantes.

Issobell Kelman, kailseller, hir selfe and tuo bairnes, shankeris.

Thomas Cruikshanke, cordiner, his wyff, tuo bairnes, and Helene Cuming, servant.

Elspet Law, breidseller, widow, and ane bairne, absent.

Robert Law, wobster, his wyff and thrie bairnes.

Andro Adame, cordiner, his wyff, four bairnes, his guidmother, and Gilbert Forsyith, servant.

John Mackrines, his wyff, tuo bairnes, Margret Watsone and Margret Williamsone, servantes.

Agnes Moriesone hir selfe and her dochter.

Alexander Wadie, baxter, himselfe onlie.

William Forsyith, cordiner, his wyff, and one bairnie, in Williame Hayis land.

John Rollie, wobster, his wyff, Alexander Drone and Issobell Nicol, servantes. Alexander Drone resauit be him without ane testimonial in William Hayes land.

Cristiane Hay, breidseller, and Bessie Watsone, her servant.

Androw Hendersone, wobster, his wyff and bairne, Thomas Stewinsoune, Lawrence Gray, Johne Thomsone, Robert Ros, James Deanes, Cristiane Schives and Margret Broune, all servants.

George King, his wyff, sex bairnes, Thomas Volume and Janet Farquharsone, servantes.

Williame Auld himselfe and his wyff onlie.

David Abell, wobster, his wyff, thrie bairnes, George Collie, Robert Glenie, Alexander Peirie, Alexander Thomsone, Gilbert Blinschell, William Ailes, William Simmer, Margaret Courage and Janet Gartlie, all servantes.

Williame Johnestoune, smythe, his wyff and four bairnes.

Mr. David Leeche, sub-principall, his wyff, hir tuo bairnes, and servantes.

Johne Forbes, his wyff and her four bairnes, James Still and Bessie Couttes, servantes.

Andrew King, merchant, him selfe onlie.

Elspet Gray, puddinwricht, tuo bairnes, the one of them ane ydle sone in Williame Hayes land.

Williame Hay, skinner, his dochter, and Patrick Duncan, servant.

Robert Ross, workman, himselfe and his wyff onlie.

Alexander Tellie, husbandman, his wyff, four bairnes, and Jeane Wat, servant.

Johne Merser, smythe, himselfe and his wyff onlie.

Jeane Irwing, browster, ane bairne, and Annas Lumsden, servantes in Alexander Tellies land, absent.

Meriorie Guthrie, without ane calling, in Johne Mersers land, absent.

Robert Ortoune, laxfisher, his wyff, two bairnes, and Elspet Heruie, servant.

Johne Smythe, gairdner, his wyff, thrie bairnes, and Margret Orum, hir servant.

Margaret Couper and her dochter in Johne Smythès hous.

Johne Bauerlay, cordiner, himselfe and his wyff onlie.

Elspet Jaffrey, breidseller, hir selfe and ane bairne.

Margret Boyes, breidseller, hirselfe and ane bairne under Johne Blakis wyff.

Cristaine Robertsone and Issobell Paterson and tuo bairnes.

Alexander Barnet, tailzeour, himselfe and his wyff onlie.

Annable Fullartoun, sewster, absent.

Thomas Bauerlay, his wyff and thair sone.

Williame Knolles, his wyff, ane bairne, and Issobell Lamb, servant.

James Andersone, cordiner, and his wyff onlie.

Archibald Smythe, net wywer, his wyff, and Merione Hay, servant.

Elspet Forsyithe and her dochter, dilsseller.

Adame Bauerlay and his wyff onlie.

Robert Willox, staibler, his wyff and thrie bairnes.

Alexander Schand, gairdner, his wyff, ane bairne, and Margret Andersone, servant.

Alexander Gordoun, his wife and ane oy.

Mr. George Clerke.

The guidwyff of Kilstaires and fyw bairnes, and Janet Garioche, servant.

Gilbert Bauerlay, husbandman, his wyff and fyw bairnes.

George Chalmer, flescher, his wyff, ane bairn, Johne and Margret Grayes, servantes.

Agnes Gordone and Janet Gormake.

Andro Couttes, wricht, his wyff and four bairnes.

Alexander Leslie and his wyff onlie.

Hector Ross, cordiner, his wyff and ane bairne.

William Andersone, cordiner, himselfe and his wyff onlie.

Issobell Smythe, kailseller, hir dochter and Katharin Paip, servant.

James Dauidsone, wobster, his wyff, thrie bairnes, and Barbara Forsythe, servant.

Robert Andersone, cordiner, his wyff, tuo bairnes, and Elspet Catto, servant.

William Nicoll, wobster, his wyff and his dochter onlie.

William Willox, spinster, in Williame Nicoll's land.

John Gordon of Deuchries, his wyff, tuo bairnes, William Chrystie and Agnes Farquhassone, servantes.

William Maxuell and his wyff onlie.

Harie Kemp, keiper, his wyff, and Meriore Hog, servant.

William Buchane, flescher, his wyff, tuo bairnes, and Issobell Stewart, servant.

Margaret Blakburne, hir selfe, hir dochter, and Janet Baird, servant.

William Gibsone, husbandman, his wyff, fyve bairnes, and Meriorie Stewart, servant.

Alexander Hantoun, his sister and ane bairne.

Issobell Gawine, brewster, and Forsythe, hir servant.

Robert Blinschell, flescher, his wyff, thrie bairnes, and Janet Fergusone, servant.

William Nicol, younger, wobster, himselfe and his wyff onlie.

Robert Nicol, his wyff, his sone, and tuo oyes.

Alexander Vricht, couper, himselfe, his wyff, and tuo dochteris.

Johne Cruikshank, heilmaker, his wyff, three bairnes, and Janet Stanneris, servant.

Johne Kedie, tailzeour, and his wyff onlie.

Elspet Leslie, customer, and her dochter onlie.

Robert Jake, gairdner, and his wyff onlie.

Issobell Carnecorse and Elspet Norie, of no calling, in Johne Gilcrystes hous, absent.

Patrick Dauidsone, fischseller, and his wyff onlie.

Issobell Gordoun and Elspet Brames, hir guid sister.

Johne Law, wobster, his wyff, hir sone, and Johne Lidingham, servant.

Mariorie Hay and Patricke Citchie, tailzeour.

George Zoungsone, wobster, his wyff and thrie bairnes.

Alexander Cruikshank, book binder, and his wyffe onlie.

Elspet Torrie, shanker, tua bairnes, and Elspet Petrie, servant.

James Ailes, wobster, his wyff, and tua bairnes.

Andro Barker, smythe, his wyff and fyue bairnes, the eldest 13 yeir.

Alexander Guthrie, saidler, his wyff and thrie bairnes, the eldest 13 yeir.

Thomas Simsone, merchand, his wyff, ane going bairne, and Elspet Smythe, servant.

Robert Menzies, skinner, his wyff, thrie bairnes, and Beatrix French, thair servant—he come bot about sex weeks agoe.

Thomas Spens, cuike, his wyffe, thrie bairnes, his guidmother, and Agnes Wilsone, servant.

Andro Gray, flescher, and his sister onlie.

Robert Orem, cordiner, his wyff and four bairnes, the eldest 16 yeir.

Johne Andersone, cordiner, his wyff, tuo young bairnes, Johne Hutcheon and Elspet Gerret, servant.

Cristiane Blakburne, her dochter, and Helene Sibbald.

Beatrix Torrie and Bessie Gray, her dochter.

Margaret Sangster, her thrie brethren, tua young bairnes, and Janet Hendersone, servant.

Walter Sinclair, wricht, his wyff and thrie bairnes, the eldest 15 yeir.

Nicoll Torrie, husbandman, his wyff and four bairnes, the eldest 8 yeir.

James Tailyeour, his wyff, and ane bairne.

George Moir, smythe, his wyff and four bairnes, the eldest 15 yeir.

Mariore Simsone, browster, and Elspet Hay, hir servant.

Thomas Megus, wobster, his wyff, William Vobster and Issobell Brine, servantes.

Janet Blake and Margret Settoun, spinsteris and sewsteris in on hous.

John Mackie, wobster, his wyff, Johne Gray and Elspet Reiths, servants.

Alexander Ortoun, baxter, his wyff, Elspet Garioche and Agnes Sangster, servantes.

Hendrie Adame, cordiner, his wyff, ane bairne, and Cristiane Smythe, servant.

Walter Ortoun, his wyff, George and Issobell Ortounes, their bairnes, men and women.

George Chalmer, laxfischer, his wyff and four bairnes, men and women.

Janet Torrie, spinster, and thrie bairnes, the eldest fyfteine yeiris of age.

Janet Sandie, spinster.

Dauid Simsone, traveller, and his wyff onlie.

Androw Torrie, husbandman, his wyff, ane bairne, and Issobell Pantoune, servant.

Johne Forsyith, his wife, tua bairnes, and Janet Johnstoune, servant.

Elspet Selbie, shanker, and hir tuo dochteris.

Johne Arthour, tailzeour, his wyff, and thrie bairnes, the eldest 18 yeir.

Alexander Reid, wobster, and his wyff onlie.

Janet Herevie.

Elspet Tailzeour, candlemaker, and Issobell Fraser, spinster.

Robert George Smythe, his wyff, his dochter, George Blythe and Elspet Hendersone, servantes.

Helene Jamesone, spinster, and tua bairnes.

Andro Nicoll, husbandman, his wyff, ane bairne, and Margaret Sutherland, servant.

James Rainy, tailzeour, and his wyff onlie.

Agnes Dreden, commer, onlie.

Donald Wrquhart, gairdner, his wyff, four bairnes, John Innes, Issobell Daniell, and Margret Tailzeour, his servantes.

George Andersone, husbandman, his wyff, four bairnes, the eldest seuin yeires old, James Anderson and Meriorie Russell, servantes.

Elspet Robertsone, breidseller.

Walter Cruikshank, cordiner, and his sone onlie.

Thomas Turner, his wyff and tua bairnes.

Mr. Alexander Gairden, Advocat, and Johne Wricht, his servant.

James Watsone, tailzeour, his wyff, and four bairnes, the eldest 13 yeir.

Janet Mar, spinster, her dochter, and Meriorie Williamsone, servant.

Meriorie Carll, breidseller, and hir sone, ane man.
Thomas Cuming, staibler, his wyff, his sone, and ane oy.
Patrick Omond and Jeane Campbell, his wyff, onlie.
Bessie Duncane and thrie bairnes, the eldest fourteen yeir old.
Williame Fyiff, measone, his wyff and thrie bairnes, the eldest 13 yeir.
George Middiltoun, his wyff, seyne bairnes, Alexander Lumisden, Alexander Leith, Jeane Gairden, Cristiane Dauie, Katherin Ros, and Margret Ross, their servants.
William Burnet, his wyff, thrie bairnes, and Kathrin Prat, servant.
Mr. John Lundie, his wyff, tuo bairnes, Kathrin Addie and Janet Andro, servantes.
The Commissar, his wyiff, thrie sones and good sone, tua dochteris, James Sime, Cristopher Curlande, Johne Nicolsone, Rebecca Howat, Margaret Cushnie, and Margret Lindsay, servantes.
Janet Gordoun, hir dochter, Janet Scheipheard, Margaret and Elspet Watsone, servantes.
The guidwyff of Coclarachie, Mariorie Low and Elspet Wobster, servantes.
Johne Ritchie, bronduster, his wyff and tua young bairnes.
William Wat, notar, his wyff, and Janet Duncan, servant.
Johne Garioche, his [wife] and ane bairne.
Janet Fraser and Issobell Lumsden, servantes.
The guidwyiff of Auchrydie, hir oy onlie.
Archbauld Bischope, belman.
Janet Cruikshanke and her dochter.
Elspet Lessell, hir sone and hir dochter, men and women.
John Kilgour, elder, James and Harie Kilgouris and his oy.
Johne Kilgour, younger, his wyff, tua bairnes, and Margret Dauidsone.
The laird of Banchrie, his wyff, and Cristiane Cuy, servant.
Birsmoir, his wyff, ane young bairne, his tuo sisters, Robert Wicht, Issobell Knolles and Katherine Bannermane, servants.
Richard Foullartoun and his servant.
Alexander Gordoun, his wyff, ane young bairne, and Agnes Mill, servant.
Barbara Fiddes, spinster, and hir dochter.

Mr. Alexander Scrogie, his wyff, fyue bairnes, Jeane Allane and Kathrin Iruing, servants.
Mr. James Foullartoun and Agnes Duiguid.
Agnes Meeke, poor.
Johne Forbes and James Reid, his servant.
Alexander Moubray, his wyff, his dochter, and his tua oyes.
Janet Woode, vidow.
Cristiane Con, hir dochter, and Elspet Philp, hir servant.
Patrick Gordoun, and Alexander Keythe, his servant.
Williame Dunne, his wyff, and tuo young bairnes.
Mr Gilbert Rose, his wyff, tua bairnes, and Issobell Iruing, servant.
Mr Thomas Lillie, his wyff, his guidmother, his tuo brethren, his tuo bairnes, William Forsyithe and Issobell Forbes, servantes.

II.—An List of the Polable Persons within the Toune of Old Aberdeen, given up be Mr. Alexander Fraser and James Knight, Bailies in Old Aberdeen, two Commissioners nominat and appointed for that effect, and be Mr. John Robertstone, Bibliothicarian of the said Toune, Clerk and Collector appointed be them for the said Toune.[1]

Imprimis, James Hervie, weaver ther, and his wife . .	£0	18	0
Alexander Hill, shoemaker ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	18	0
Sara Cuming, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
James Turriffe, taylor ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
Alexander Strachan and Alexander Christie, indwellers ther, and their wives, poll is	1	4	0
Thomas Thomson, glover in Colledge Bounds, and his wife and daughter, poll	1	4	0
Elspet Patersone, servant for fee and generall poll . .	0	8	0
Agnes Beverly, relict of Alexander Hatt, farmer in Old Aberdeen, and William and George Hats, her sons .	0	18	0

[1] The total number of persons above sixteen years of age, residing in Old Aberdeen as disclosed by this Poll was 843. The list is taken from the List of Pollable Persons within the Shire of Aberdeen, 1696, vol. ii., p. 583.

Alexander Yeatt, her servant, for fee and generall poll .	£0	14	0
Cloria Bullfoord, her servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	9	0
George Mill, indweller ther, and his wife, and son, John Mill *in familia*, and John Daniell, their servant, whose fee is £10, poll in all	1	9	0
William Cruickshank, wheelwright and his wife . . .	0	18	0
George Barber, smith ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
Christian More, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	7	4
Robert Sinclar and James M'Castell, taylors ther, and their wives, poll	1	16	0
William Gray, wheelwright ther, and his wife and daughter, poll is	1	4	0
Andrew Gray, younger, couper, and his wife, poll . .	0	18	0
George Cuming, smith, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
James Nicoll, wright ther, and his wife, and Agnes Watt, his servant, whose fee is £10 per annum, their poll .	1	7	4
John Marnook, litster ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
James Laing, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	12	0
John Sangster, bookbinder, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
John Leask, younger, weaver ther, and his wife, and William and John Leasks, his sons, poll is	1	10	0
John Ritchie, wright ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
John King, indweller ther, and his wife, and son Patrick King, their poll	0	18	0
William Anderson, flesher ther, and his wife and son, and Isobell Grant, servant, whose fee is £8 per annum, poll	1	14	0
James Mathewson, ther, and his wife, poll	0	12	0
Thomas Smith, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
John Elles, weaver ther, and his wife	0	18	0
Robert Elphinstone, shoomaker in Colledge Bounds, and his wyfe, poll is	0	18	0
Margrat Marischall, relict of John Christell, indweller ther, her poll	0	6	0
Jean Chalmer, relict of Patrick Cheyne, indweller in Old Aberdeen, poll for herself, and two daughters *in familia*, is	0	18	0
Alexander Bruice, her servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	8	0
Elizabeth Catto, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0

Anna Robertson, relict of George Lovie, taylor ther, and her daughter, Margaret Lovie, poll	£0	12	0
James Moor, weaver in College Bounds, and his wyfe	0	18	0
John Smith, shoemaker ther, and his wife	0	18	0
James Mill, maltman ther, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Bessie Thomsone, his servant, for fee and generall poll	0	10	8
Marjorie Hill, relict of John Couper, bailie in Old Aberdeen, her house and free stock above 500 merks, but not extending to 5000 merks, poll is	1	2	8
Item, three children, Alexander, Margrat, and Agnes Coupers	0	18	0
Janet Fiffe, her servant, for fee and generall poll	0	8	0
George Breck, taylor, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Thomas Adam, shoomaker, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
John Lawrensone, merchant ther (no stock), and his wife	0	12	0
Andrew Dyce, merchant ther, his free stock being above 500 merks, but not extending to 5000 merks, his poll, with the general poll for his wife, is	3	2	0
Three children *in familia*, their poll	0	18	0
Anna Logie, servant, for fee and generall poll	0	10	0
James Johnstone, merchant ther, his free stock being above 500 merks, but not extending to 5000 merks, poll for himself and wife, is	3	2	0
Item, an sone, and Helen Dour, servant, whose fee is £8 per annum, *inde* for fee and generall poll	0	16	0
John Slidders, indweller ther, and his wife, poll	0	12	0
Margrat Gibsone, his servant, for fee and generall poll	0	10	8
Andrew Adam, shoemaker ther, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Robert Lowe, merchant there, whose free stock is above 500, but not above 5000 merks, poll for himself, his wife, and three children *in familia*	4	0	0
Item, tuo servants, Christian Simer and Elspet Webster, fee £8 each, poll	1	0	0
James Robertsone, merchant ther, and his wife, poll	0	12	0
Margrat Ingliss and Marjiorie Forsyth, servants, for fee and generall poll	1	0	0
James Measson, maltman ther, and his wife, poll	0	18	0

Patrick Fife, his servant, for fee and generall poll is . .	£0	14	0
Jean Wilsone, and Agnes Rogie, servants, for fee and generall poll is	1	2	8
David Murray, measson ther, and his wife	0	18	0
Item, Janet Simpsone, servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	10	0
Jean Hunter and Jean Walker, servants, for fee and generall poll is	1	0	0
John Elmsly, weaver in Colledge Bounds, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
James Fraser and William Ritchie, weavers in Old Aberdeen, and their wives, poll is	0	18	0
Agnes Chalmer, indweller ther, and her daughter . .	0	12	0
Thomas Buchan, weaver in Colledge Bounds, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Jean Carngill, servant, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	10	0
George Robertsone, shoemaker, and his wife . . .	0	18	0
George Massie, coppersmith, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
James Dickie, taylor ther, and his wife	0	18	0
Christian Thomsone, his servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	10	0
Helen Cattanach, relict of George Leith, couper in Old Aberdeen, her poll	0	6	0
Margrat Knoues, relict of William Anderson, weaver ther, and Agnes Andersone, her daughter	0	12	0
John Lovie, taylor, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Marjiorie Taylor, for fee and generall poll is . . .	0	8	0
William Smith, younger, blacksmith, and his wife . .	0	18	0
Robert Collace, indweller ther, and his wife, and Katheren and Isobell Collace, his daughters, poll . . .	1	4	0
Andrew Craigheade, merchant ther, and his wife . .	0	12	0
James Mill, flesher ther, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Marjiorie Couper, relict of William Watt, caper ther, her poll is	0	6	0
John Ferguson, flesher in College Bounds, and his wife, and son Alexander, poll	1	4	0
Jean Sangster, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	8
Alexander Anderson, weaver in Old Aberdeen, and his wife .	0	18	0
George Garioch, taylor ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0

George Ronald, merchant ther, and his wife (no free stock)	£0	12	0
Item, Jean Ronald, his daughter, poll	0	6	0
Janet Gordon, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	9	4
Robert Drum, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	12	0
William Robertson, indweller ther and his wife and sone, poll	0	18	0
James Jaffray, gardener ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
Alexander Jaffray, his brother *in familia*, poll . . .	0	6	0
Item, ane servant, fee £2 per annum, the fortieth pairt with the generall poll is	0	7	0
Marjorie Simer, for fee and generall poll	0	10	8
Item, [ ] Cuming, for fee and generall poll is . .	0	7	0
Elspet Johns, relict of John Jaffray, in Old Aberdeen, her poll is	0	6	0
Margaret Johns, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	9	0
John Wisheart, merchant ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
William Wilsone, maltman, and Alexander Christell, wright, and their wives	1	16	0
James Black, indweller ther, and his wife	0	12	0
Katheren Gordon, relict of Mr James Gordon, merchant at Rothemay, whose poll (if alive) would have been £9, the third pairt whereof payable by the said Kathren is, with the generall poll	3	6	0
Item, Lues Gordon, her son, ane gentleman, poll . .	3	6	0
Item, George Gordon, his brother, poll	0	6	0
Isobell Bartlett, her servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	7	6
George Cruickshank, thesaurer, his free stock above 500 but not 5000 merks, and Barbra Finnie, his spouse, poll .	3	2	0
Item, three children, *in familia*, poll	0	18	0
Item, Janet Aldman and Elspet Andersone, servants, for fee and generall poll	1	2	0
John Dey, indweller in Colledge Bounds, and his wife .	0	12	0
Item, Barbra Steinsone and Elizabeth Cheyne servants, for fee and poll	1	0	0
John Walker, weaver ther, and his wife, and Jean Walker, his daughter, poll.	1	4	0
Donald Ross, weaver in Old Aberdeen, and his wife . .	0	18	0

David Gruer, merchant ther, whose free stock is above 500 merks, but does not extend to 5000 merks, for himself and wife	£3	2	0
Item, five children *in familia*, poll	1	10	0
Elizabeth Allan, his servant, for fee and general poll	0	10	0
George Taylor, indweller ther, and his wife, poll	0	12	0
John Watson, taylor, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Alexander Watsone and William Murray, servants, for fee and general poll	0	16	0
William Crombie and Peter Falconer, indwellers ther, and their wives, poll	1	4	0
Robert Forbes of Glencarvie, gentleman ther, and his wife, their poll is	3	12	0
Andrew Jameson, taylor ther, and his wife	0	18	0
George Killgoure, church beddall ther, he being a pentioner in the said church, and Bessie Innes, his spouse, the said George being a nottar, his poll, and generall poll, and wyfes, is	4	12	0
Item, Christian and Jean Murisons, each of their fees 16 merks per annum, poll is	1	2	8
Janet Smith, relict of Thomas Mitchell, indweller ther, her poll is	0	6	0
Bessie Andersone, her servant, for fee and generall poll	0	10	0
Helen Davidsone, relict of James Gibsone, weaver ther	0	6	0
Margrat Cuie, relict of William Angus, weaver ther, and Janet Angus, her daughter, poll	0	12	0
Robert Shand, indweller ther, and his wife, poll.	0	12	0
William Innes, and Thomas Shirres, weavers, and their wives, poll	1	16	0
Andrew Charles, weaver ther, and his wife	0	18	0
[ ], a servant, 10 merks per annum	0	9	4
Alexander Hervie, weaver ther, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
John Bisset, shoomaker, and his wife, and Margrat Bisset, his daughter, poll is	1	4	0
Janet Ross, his servant, for fee and generall poll	0	8	0
Lucres Glennie, relict of William Marnoch, indweller ther, her poll is	0	6	0

Margrat Sinier, her servant, for fee and generall poll . .	£0	9	4
Alexander Mathewsone, indweller ther, and his wife, poll .	0	12	0
Mr William Cuming, master of the Musicle School, his poll, as being ane gentleman, is	3	6	0
John Kinard ther, and his wife, poll is	0	18	0
Marjiorie Irving, relict of John Fraser ther, he being a gentleman, her poll is	1	6	0
William Nicoll, indweller ther, and his wife . . .	0	12	0
Elspet Stewart, relict of John Stewart, indweller ther, her poll is	0	6	0
George Allan, shoomaker ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	18	0
William Moir, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	12	0
William Cruickshank, flesher ther, and his wife . . .	0	18	0
Robert Forbes, servant, for fee and generall poll is . .	0	7	0
Andrew Massie, merchant ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
John Leslie, belt weaver, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
William Thomsone, merchant ther, and his wife (no free stock)	0	12	0
Marie Elmsly, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
Margrat Low, for fee and generall poll is	0	10	0
John Cowper, maltman in Old Aberdeen, poll is . .	0	12	0
Agnes Deins, relict of David Nairne, indweller ther, her poll is	0	6	0
Alexander Glass, indweller ther, and his wife, poll is . .	0	12	0
John Johnstone, taylor ther, poll	0	12	0
Robert Cooke, taylor ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
John Ross, merchant ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	12	0
William Elles, weaver in College Bounds, and his wife .	0	18	0
Doctor James Garden, professor of Divinity in the King's Colledge of Aberdeen, gentleman, and his lady, and nine children, poll	6	6	0
Jean Gordon, servant, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	11	4
Margrat Mill, servant, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	9	4
Anna Mitchell, relict of George Hunter, merchant in Old Aberdeen, whose poll (if alive) would have been £2 10/-, and the said Anna being layable for the third part thereof, poll is	1	2	8

Margarat Hunter, her daughter, heiress to her father, her poll is	£2	16	0
James Duguid, wright ther, and his wife, poll is . . .	0	18	0
Elizabeth Sinclar, his servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	9	0
George Aberdeen, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
Thomas Swaps, his servant, for generall poll . . .	0	15	0
Margaret Mill, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	9	4
Margrat Davidson, relict of William Anderson, weaver, her poll is	0	6	0
Elspet Thom, indweller ther, her poll is	0	6	0
Robert Ross, saddler ther, and his wife, poll is . . .	0	18	0
Isobell Muskie, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
Alexander Lundie, litster, his wife, and Mariorie Lundie, his daughter, poll is	1	4	0
Katherine Thomson, servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	8	8
Helen Thome, indweller ther, her generall poll . . .	0	6	0
Isobell Mathewson, relict of William Gray in Cottone, her poll is	0	6	0
Andrew Baxter, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
Isobell Patersone, for fee and generall poll	0	9	0
Alexander Lintone, wright ther, and his wife and sone, their poll	1	4	0
James Littlejohn, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
Margrat Gordon, relict of Mr John Lundie, humanist in the Kings Colledge of Aberdeen, whose poll would have been £3, the third pairt whereof payable by her . .	1	6	0
Elspet Cumming, relict of James Christie, merchant ther, her poll for herself and daughter is	0	12	0
James Ironsyde and Elspet [ ], her servants, for fee and generall poll	1	0	0
Thomas Umphra, shoemaker ther, and his wife . . .	0	18	0
Alexander Midleton ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
Elisabeth Cruickshank, relict of William Gordon, indweller ther, her poll is	0	6	0
Katheren Mitchell, relict of John Darge, poll . . .	0	6	0
Isobell Lawsone, relict of Robert Wilsone ther . . .	0	6	0
Isobell and Margrat Skeens, indwellers ther, poll . .	0	12	0

James Marnoch, maltman ther, and his wife, poll . .	£0	18	0
Alexander Murisone, his servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	15	4
William Smith, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	12	8
Christian Smith, his servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	10	8
Christian Still, relict of William Mackie, janitor of the Kings Colledge, poll is	0	6	0
Jean Deans, her servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
Elspet Still, her servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	9	0
William Jeans, merchant ther (no free stock), and Isobell Mitchell, his spouse, poll	0	12	0
George Mitchell, his brother-in-law, his poll . . .	0	6	0
Christian Forsyth, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
George Laing, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	12	0
David Nicol, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	15	0
Margrat Hill, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
John Gray, baxter ther, his poll is	0	12	0
Margrat Lesly, relict of James Cullen, shoemaker ther, her poll is	0	6	0
Gilbert Broune, indweller ther, and his wife . . .	0	12	0
George Thome, messone ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
Margrat Beaverly, relict of Andrew Elmsly, in Old Aberdeen, her poll is	0	6	0
James Diverty, her servant, for fee and general poll . .	0	12	0
Marjiorie Forsyth, her servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	9	0
William Beverley, shoemaker ther (dead), and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Item, William Montgomrie, measson, and his wife, poll .	0	18	0
Duncan Cassie, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
Marjiorie Inglish, his servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	11	4
Margrat Martine, for fee and generall poll	0	10	0
James Alles, weaver, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Robert Clerk, merchant ther (no free stock), and his wife .	0	12	0
Elizabeth Cruickshank, his servant, for fee and generall poll is	0	10	8
Marjiorie Mackonachie, relict of Thomas Rind, merchant, whose poll would have been £2 10s., poll . . .	1	2	8
Elspet Rind, her daughter, heires to her father, poll . .	2	16	0
Jean Inglish, her servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	8

George Taylor, merchant ther, his poll is £2 10s., (his stock being above 500 merks), *inde*	£2	16	0
Item, his wife, and four children *in familia*, poll . . .	1	10	0
Jean Fiddes, servant, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	11	4
Janet Hunter, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	9	0
Marjiorie Walker, spouse to George Hector, weaver ther, her poll	0	6	0
James Smith, merchant ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	12	0
Isobell Stewart and Christian Couper, his servants, for fee and generall poll	1	2	8
William Taylor, servant and œconomus in the Kings Colledge, for fee and generall poll	1	19	4
William Webster, merchant ther (no free stock), and his wife, their poll is	0	12	0
George Forsyth, shoemaker ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	18	0
John Robb, taylor ther, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Janet Marr, relict of Patrick Norvall, flesher ther, her poll is	0	6	0
And his trading stock being above 500 merks, his poll (if alive) would have been £2 10s., the third part whereof is payable by her, *inde*	0	16	8
Katheren Norvall, her daughter, and spouse to James Scot, dragoune, her poll	0	6	0
Agnes Gibsone, relict of Alexander Watt, glover ther, her poll is	0	6	0
Andrew Robertsone, shoemaker, and his wife . . .	0	18	0
Alexander Grig, wright, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
John Fides, and Alexander Rust, indwellers ther, and their wives, poll	1	4	0
James Watt, cappmaker, and his wife	0	18	0
Keneth Fraser, measson, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
Alexander Molysone, merchant ther (his free stock being above 500 merks, but not extending to 5000 merks), poll	2	16	0
Jean Stephan, relict of George Cae, her poll . . .	0	6	0
Margaret Leitch, relict of William Johnstone, baxter ther, her poll is	0	6	0
Bessie Clerk, spouse to William Shirres, glover ther, at present ane souldier, her poll is	0	6	0

Margrat Robertsone, relict of Charles Messer, whose poll (if alive) would have been £4, the third pairt whereof and generall poll is	£1	12	8
Alexander Annand, cook in the Kings Colledge, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
John Andersone, and James Wilsone, indwellers ther, and their wives, poll	1	4	0
James Broune, merchant ther, whose stock being above 500 merks, his poll, with his wifes generall poll, is . .	3	2	0
Item, two children, James and Margrat Brouns, poll . .	0	12	0
Isobel Lawsone, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
John Chalmer, merchant ther (no stock), and his wife .	0	12	0
William Thomsone, weaver ther, and his wife . . .	0	18	c
Andrew Gray, elder, couper ther, and his wife . . .	0	18	0
William Smith, elder and blacksmith, and Agnes Cook, his spouse, poll	0	18	0
Issobell Ritchie, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	9	0
Janet Forsyth, servant, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	7	4
Alexaader Gray and John Arthur, taylors, and their wives, poll	1	16	0
Jean Mitchell, servant, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	9	0
Patrick Fraser ther (no free stock, over and above what he hath mortified to the Kings Colledge) poll for himself and his wife is	0	12	0
Methilda Angus, relict of William Mill, bookbinder in Old Aberdeen, her poll	0	6	0
Item, her daughter, Margrat Mill, poll	0	6	0
William Taylor, maltman ther, his poll	0	12	0
David Cristell, wright ther, and his wife and daughter .	1	4	0
George Simmer, weaver, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Helen Gray, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
George Mackey and William Moir, taylors, and their wives, their poll	1	16	0
Item, two servants, each of their fees, 4 merks per annum, their poll is	0	14	8
John Ross, weaver, and his wife, poll is	0	18	0
Duncan Ross, blacksmith ther, and his wife . . .	0	18	0
James Lilie, taylor, and his wife, poll	0	18	0

John Bannerman, fermer ther (no free stock), poll for himself and his wife is	£0	12	0
John Ogilvie, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	12	8
Katheren Andersone, servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	8	8
Margrat Melvine, for fee and generall poll	0	10	0
John Moir, taylor ther, and his wife and daughter, poll .	1	4	0
Elspet Laurenstone, servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	10	0
Andrew Abell, weaver, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Andrew Cumming, shoomaker, and his wife . . .	0	18	0
Alexander Jellie, shoemaker, and his wife, and an daughter, *in familia*, poll	1	4	0
Patrick Skeen, merchant, and his wife, their free stock being above 500 merks, poll is	3	2	0
Jean Courage, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
John Grig, merchant ther, and his wife, their stock being above 500 merks, poll	3	2	0
Item, four children, their poll	1	4	0
Item, two servants, each of their fees is £8, *inde* with the generall poll	1	0	0
James Fiddes, fermer, his free stock under 5000 merks, poll is	2	16	0
For his wife and six children	2	2	0
James Dugid, his servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	14	0
Item, two women servants, for fee and generall poll . .	1	0	0
Andrew Smith, merchant ther, his free stock being above 500 merks, poll for himself, his wife, and two children .	3	14	0
Jean Mullen, servant, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	9	0
John Bodell, fermer ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	12	0
Janet Bodell, servant, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	10	0
William Sangster, fermer ther, and his wife, and three children *in familia*, poll	1	10	0
George Leith, servant, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	12	8
Christian Mathewsone, servant, for fee and general poll .	0	10	0
Thomas Andersone, shoemaker, his free stock above 500 merks, poll for himself and his wife is	3	2	0
Item, Elizabeth Andersone, his daughter, poll . . .	0	6	0
Jean Sangster, servant, for fee and generall poll is . .	0	8	0

James Conquergood, gardener, and his wife, poll . .	£0	18	0
Richard Conquergood, servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	8	0
Elizabeth Hervie, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
Barbra Gray, relict of Alexander Yeats, merchant ther, poll	0	6	0
William Volum, weaver, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Jean Fidler, servant, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	9	0
Jean Gray, indweller ther, her poll is	0	6	0
George Cristell, wright ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
James Auld, mair depute, and his wife, poll . . .	0	12	0
John Auld, mair depute, and his wife, and Elizabeth Auld, his daughter, poll	0	18	0
William Watt, shoomaker, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
Isobell Chamer, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	9	6
William Robb, weaver, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
James Thomson, younger, merchant, and his wife, poll .	0	12	0
Helen Wilsone, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	0
Robert Muresone, merchant (no free stock), and his wife, poll	0	12	0
Alexander Simsone, merchant (no free stock), and his wife, poll	0	12	0
Marjiorie Sled, servant, for fee and generall poll is . .	0	8	0
Thomas More, merchant ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
George Craighead, measson ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	18	0
Alexander and William Birnes, merchants, their poll .	0	12	0
Alexander Gordon, gentleman and his wife, and daughter *in familia*, poll	3	18	0
Robert Davidson, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
John Nicoll, fermer ther, and his wife, and two children *in familia*, poll	1	4	0
George Henderson, fermer ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
William Swape, glover ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
William Miller, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
Margrat Fraser, spouse to Thomas Watsone, souldier .	0	6	0
Thomas Taylor, merchant ther (no stock), and his wife, poll	0	12	0
Thomas Collie, mair depute, and his wife, and two children, William and Isobell Collies, poll	1	4	0
Janet Wear ther, and her daughter, Anna Harrow . .	0	12	0
Elizabeth Couts, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	8	8

	£	s.	d.
Isobell Lindsay, widow ther, her poll is	0	6	0
George Adam, advocat ther, and his wife, and two children *in familia*, poll	5	4	0
Janet Garden, servant, her poll	0	6	0
Janet Glass and Katheren Youngsone, widows, poll . .	0	12	0
William Andersone and Peter Knight, shoomakers, and their wives, poll	1	16	0
Jean Young, spouse to Thomas Mouat, ther, poll . .	0	6	0
Item, Alexander Leitch and Andrew Aberdein, servants to William Hay, collector (no fees), poll is . . .	0	12	0
Mary Menzies, relict of Adam Pitendrich, poll . . .	0	6	0
William Thomson, indweller ther, and his wife . . .	0	12	0
John Jaffrey, taylor ther, poll	0	12	0
Jean Fettes, relict of [ ] Young, seaman, poll . .	0	6	0
Anna Forbes, indweller ther, poll	0	6	0
Alexander Forbes of Easter Migvie, gentleman, and his wife, and two daughters, poll	4	4	0
Alexander Forbes of Haughtone, gentleman, and his wife, and three children, poll	4	10	0
Marjiorie Tause ther, and Margrat Wright, relict of William Forbes ther.	0	12	0
John Knight, shoomaker, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
Gilbert Ronaldson, merchant ther (no free stock), and his wife	0	12	0
Isobell Christie, relict of George Broune	0	6	0
James Auld, younger, mair deput, poll	0	6	0
John Mackgie, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	12	0
Helen Torie, indweller ther, poll	0	6	0
Robert Mill, bookbinder, and his wife, poll	0	18	0
Marjiorie Mackonachie, servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	9	0
John Simpsone, taylor, poll	0	12	0
Patrick Reid, merchant ther (no free stock), and his wife, poll	0	12	0
Agnes Sangster, indweller ther, poll	0	6	0
Jealls Simpsone, relict of George Saint, poll . . .	0	6	0
Anna Irvine, relict of William Chalmer, measson ther, her poll	0	6	0

Margrat Smart, relict of James Arnold, sub-porter in the Kings Colledge, and her son, William, poll . . .	£0	12	0
John Barnet, weaver ther, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
John Thomsone, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	9	4
Janet Mill, spouse to Alexander Littlejohn, poll . . .	0	6	0
Agnes Gibsone (not married), poll	0	6	0
Margrat George, relict of John Elmsly, weaver ther, her poll is	0	6	0
Margrat Andersone, relict of William Forbes, taylor, her poll is	0	6	0
James Sandesone, glover, and his wife, poll . . .	0	18	0
Elizabeth Hay, relict of James Mackonachie . . .	0	6	0
William Hendersone, merchant, his stock above 500 merks, poll for himself and his wife, and three children, *in familia*	4	0	0
Margrat Robertsone, servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	10	0
Agnes Suape, servant, for fee and generall poll is . .	0	8	8
Master John Gordon, comissar clerk of Aberdeen, his poll is	6	6	0
Item, Elizabeth Irvine, his wife, and three children . .	1	4	0
Mr Francis Irvine, gentleman, *in familia*, poll . . .	3	6	0
Margrat Findlater, Isobell Hay, and Margrat Williamsone, servants, their poll	1	14	0
Anna Duncan, relict of Mr Robert Forbes, regent, whose poll would been as a gentleman £3, the third pairt whereof payable by her, and generall poll . . .	1	6	0
Item, Isobell and Elizabeth, her children, their poll . .	0	12	0
Janet Davidsone and Jean Simpsone, servants, for fee and generall poll	1	0	0
Marjiorie and Helen Gordons, their poll is	0	12	0
Katheren Ross, relict of John Ross, janitor in the Kings Colledge of Aberdeen, her husbands stock being above 500 merks, and not 5000 merks, her poll . . .	1	2	8
Christian Davidsone and Elspet Wolum, servants, for fee and generall poll is	1	2	8
Mr Patrick Gordon, humanist in the Kings Colledge of Aberdeen, his poll as a gentleman is	3	6	0
Item, Mr Thomas Gordon, his son, his poll is . . .	3	6	0

Item, Helen Gordon, his daughter, poll is	£0	6	0
George Gibsone, servant, for fee and generall poll is . .	0	10	0
Jean Hay, servant, for fee and generall poll is . . .	0	9	4
Alexander Gordon, indweller ther, and his wife, he being a gentleman	3	12	0
Two children *in familia*, Hugo and Margrat, poll . .	0	12	0
Mary Adamsone, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	10	8
Elspet Forbes, relict of William Christie, her poll . .	0	6	0
Jean More, relict of [ ] Robertsone, workman, her poll is	0	6	0
William Scot, mair deput ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
Elizabeth and Marjiorie Lindsayes, their poll . . .	0	12	0
Doctor Patrick Urquhart, doctor of Medicine in the Kings Colledge, his poll is	12	6	0
Item, his lady, and eight children *in familia*, their poll .	2	14	0
Marjiorie Smith, a friend *in familia*, her poll . . .	0	6	0
George Shand, Barbra Nicoll, and Marjiorie Suape, for fee and generall poll is	1	14	0
Master George Skeen, professor of philosophie in the said Colledge, a gentleman, his poll is	3	6	0
Jean Thoris, daughter to the deceast William Thores of Muresk, whose elder brothers poll is £4, the third pairt whereof payable be her, with the generall poll is . .	1	12	8
James Thores, her brother, his poll is	0	6	0
Anna Abernethie, servant, for fee and generall poll is . .	0	10	0
May Hogg, indweller ther, her poll is	0	6	0
Mary Hay, servant, for fee and generall poll is . . .	0	10	0
John Barclay, merchant in Old Aberdeen, his stock above 500 merks, but not extending to 5000 merks, his poll is	2	16	0
Item, Mr William Barclay, his brother, and Mistress Jean Barclay, his sister	0	12	0
Item, Marjiorie Elles, servant, for fee and generall poll is .	0	10	0
Marjioric King, relict of Peter Walace, indweller ther .	0	6	0
Balive James Thomson, fermer in Old Aberdeen (no free stock), and his wife	0	12	0
John Logan, servant, for fee and generall poll is . .	0	14	0
Alexander Mackie, servant, for fee and generall poll is .	0	12	8
Helen Dyce, servant, for fee and generall poll is . .	0	9	4

Mr Patrick Walker, of Toreleith, his valued rent being above £50, his poll is	£4	6	0
Item, his wife and five children, their poll is . . .	1	16	0
(The rest of his familie are polled in New Machar).			
Doctor George Midletone, principall in the Kings Colledge, his poll of a gentleman is	3	6	0
Item, his lady and sex children *in familia*, their poll is .	2	2	0
Jean Catto and Janet Black, each of their fees 16 merks per annum, *inde* of poll	1	2	8
Master William Black, regent in the King's Colledge, his poll as ane gentleman	3	6	0
Item, his wife, and five children, poll is	1	16	0
James Smith, his servant (no fee), poll	0	6	0
Barbra Logan, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	16	0
Christian Scott and Margrat Lamb, servants, for fee and generall poll	1	2	8
Mr George Fraser, sub-principal in the Kings Colledge, his poll as a gentleman	3	6	0
Item, his lady, and five children *in familia*, poll is . .	1	16	0
Janet Davidson, servant, for fee and generall poll . .	0	16	0
Marjiorie Likley, for fee and generall poll	0	10	8
Patrick Smith, merchant (no stock), and Isobell Stephan, his wife	0	12	0
Jannet Forbes, relict of Mr George Riccart, of Arnadge, her poll, as the third part of her husbands, is . . .	4	6	0
Henreta Seatone, her servant, for fee and generall poll .	0	16	0
Janet Shirres, and Elspet Stephan, servants, for fee and generall poll	1	3	0
James Bannerman, indweller ther, and his wife, poll . .	0	12	0
Mr James Smith, doctor of the Grammar School, he paying as ane gentleman, his poll is	3	6	0
William Gordon, his valued rent in New Machar pariochin being above £50, poll for himself, his lady, and five children, is	6	2	0
Margrat Gray, servant, for fee and generall poll is . .	0	12	0
Janet Farquherson, for fee and generall poll . . .	0	11	4
Agnes Watson, daughter to Alexander Watson, shoemaker	0	6	0

Margrat Philpe, servant to Gilbert Andersone, pentioner, for fee and poll	£0	9	0
Jean Henderson, relict of Andrew Cassie of Whitstripes, he being a gentleman, her poll is	1	6	0
Mr John Robertsone, gentleman (stock under 5000 merks), poll, with the general poll, is	3	6	0
Item, Helen Shand, his spouse, her generall poll is . .	0	6	0
Item, Margrat Robertsone, servant, £8 per annum, her poll	0	10	0
William Baxter, indweller in Old Aberdeen (whose free stock is above 500 merks, but does not extend to 5000 merks), his poll, with the generall poll, is . . .	2	16	0
Item, Isobell Bremer, his spouse, her generall poll is . .	0	6	0
Item, William, John, James, Janet, Agnes, Rachell, and Isobell Baxters, his children, their poll is . . .	2	2	0
Item, David Grigorie, his servant, for fee and generall poll is	0	16	0
Item, George Baxter, alimented *in familia*, his generall poll is	0	6	0
Item, Margrat Hay, servant, for fee and generall poll is .	0	10	8
Elizabeth Reid, and Elspet Thome, servants, for fee and generall poll	1	2	8
Janet Moir, relict of William Logan, indweller ther, whose poll, if alive (his stock being above 500 merks), would have been £2 10s., the third pairt whereof payable by her with the generall poll of 6s., is	1	2	8
Item, Isobell Moir, her relatione *in familia*, her generall poll	0	6	0
Item, George M'Allan, her servant, for fee and generall poll	0	16	0
Item, Janet Wisheart, servant, for fee and generall poll is .	0	11	4
Item, Marjiorie Hendersone, servant, for fee and generall poll	0	10	8
James Knight, merchant ther (his free stock being above 500 merks, but not extending to 5000 merks), his poll with the generall poll of 6s., is	2	16	0
Item, Janet Low, his spouse, her poll is	0	6	0
Item, James, Arthur, Christian, Elspet, Jean, Anna, Janet, Sarah, and Katheren Knights, his children *in familia*, their poll is	2	14	0
Item, James Smith, servant, (no fee), his generall poll is .	0	6	0
Item, Agnes Gray and Elspet Sympsone, servants, for fee and generall poll	0	19	0

Item, ane other woman servant, for fee and generall poll .	£0	9	6
Item, Arthur Knight, shoemaker ther, and his wife, poll .	0	18	0
Item, James Walker, indweller ther (no trade, no free stock), and Christian Muir, his spouse, their poll is . .	0	12	0
Item, Margrat Couper, relict of William Orem, indweller, in Old Aberdeen (no free stock), and a son of age, called William Orem, their poll is	0	12	0
Item, Janet Clerk, servant, fee 14 merks, fortieth pairt and generall poll is	0	10	8
Item, Isobell Still, servant, the like fee and poll . .	0	10	8
Item, Janet Irving, servant, fee £8, fortieth pairt and generall poll is	0	10	0
Summa of the Toune of Old Aberdeen is . .	£475	6	2

III.—Valuation Roll of Old Aberdeen. 1796.[1]

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.		
John Hector—				
John Hector farmer	3	£3	0	0
Robert Booth do.	3	1	10	0
gardener	4	0	10	0
John Shirreffs, labourer	4	0	10	0
Wm Forsyth, weaver	2	0	15	0
Geo. Paul—				
Thos Moir, merchant	3	1	0	0
Jas Collie, mariner / Robt Jaffray	4	1	0	0
Alex. Smith, labourer	6	0	10	0
Wm Paul, gardener	5	0	15	0
Robt Chalmers, butcher	4	0	10	0
Jean Smith, pauper	1			
Hellen Jeans and John Allan	4	1	0	0
And. Lawson, blacksmith	6	2	0	0
Geo. Johnston, gardener	6	2	0	0

[1] *Council Register*, vol. ix., p. 286. *Cf.* p. 203.

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Abd^{n} Hammermen Trade—		
Geo. Martin, gardener	3	£1 10 0
Harrows fund—		
William Smith, gardener	2	1 0 0
Bailie Clark—		
James Clark	4	10 0 0
Peter Shepperd, labourer	4	0 10 0
James Toash do.	3	0 10 0
Three Women Paupers	3	
Captain Allan—		
Captain Allan	10	6 0 0
Captain Duncan—		
Mr White, supervisor	3	4 0 0
Mr Forbes Seaton—		
John Irvine, brewer	4	1 10 0
Geo. Hutcheon, labourer	3	0 10 0
Miss Swinton—		
Robt Stuart, wright	5	0 10 0
Marg^{t} Turreff	2	0 10 0
Kings College—		
Professor of Divinity	4	10 0 0
Robt Machray—		
Robt Machray, dyer	5	2 0 0
Wm Sangster, labourer	1	0 10 0
John Dalgarno, do.	3	0 10 0
John Fraser, do.	4	0 10 0
Anne Baird	2	0 10 0
Mrs Knight—		
Mrs Knight	3	1 10 0
Alex. Watson, merchant	4	1 0 0
Widow Cuming and Booth, paupers	3	
Miss Paton—		
Miss Paton	4	5 0 0
Janet Jamieson—		
Janet Jamieson	4	0 10 0
Wm Allan, labourer	3	0 10 0

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Mrs Cantlay—		
Jas Steven and Alex. Valentine, labourers	6	£1 0 0
Four Women Paupers	4	
Mrs Finnie and John Webster	3	
Jas Jaffray—		
Jas Jaffray, wright	3	1 10 0
Geo. Jaffray—		
Geo. Jaffray, do.	8	5 0 0
Dr Ferguson—		
John Bothwell, mariner	4	0 10 0
Robt Sherriffs, labourer	2	0 10 0
4 Women and 2 Children, paupers	6	
Miss Knight—		
Chas Daniel, wright	2	1 0 0
Wm Thomson, labourer	3	0 10 0
Geo. Mcpherson, do.	2	0 10 0
James Keith—		
Mr Watt, exciseman	3	2 0 0
James Keith, farmer	6	2 0 0
Geo. Hutcheon—		
James Sangster, taylor	7	1 10 0
John Christie and Wm Watt, labourers	3	1 10 0
Miss Seaton—		
Miss Seaton	2	1 10 0
John Midler—		
James Valentine, labourer	4	0 10 0
James King do.	1	0 10 0
4 Women Paupers	4	
Mrs Paul—		
Mrs Paul	5	2 0 0
Jean Wilson	2	0 10 0
James Catto—		
James Catto, farmer	3	1 10 0
Alex. Stuart, wright	2	0 10 0
Thos Selbie, labourer	2	0 10 0

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Alex. Burnett—		
Alex. Burnett, weaver	1	£1 0 0
John Robertson, do.	2	0 10 0
John Simpson, labourer	3	0 10 0
Chas Robertson, do.	3	0 10 0
Ten Paupers	10	
Geo. Jaffray—		
Thos Annand, merchant	2	2 0 0
Alex. Hall, wright	3	0 10 0
Widow Massie	2	0 10 0
Bishop's Hospital—		
John Laing, farmer	8	2 0 0
Beadman	3	
John King, labourer	3	0 10 0
Alex. Youngson, farmer	3	1 0 0
Dr Gordon	1	0 10 0
Two Women	2	0 10 0
Mr Paterson—		
Mr Paterson, School Mr	3	2 0 0
Mrs Menie—		
Mrs Menie	2	1 10 0
Alex. Clark—		
Alexander Clark, wright	4	2 0 0
Wm Robb, labourer	4	0 10 0
Wm Milne—		
Wm Milne, vintner	4	2 0 0
Bishop's Hospital—		
Mrs Smith	3	1 10 0
Mr Murray—		
And. Valentine Carter	5	1 0 0
Quarrier	3	0 10 0
Wm Thomson Labourer	2	0 10 0
John Smith Farrier	6	1 0 0
Geo. Hill, Taylor	5	0 10 0

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
James Hill—		
James Hill weaver	8	£0 10 0
Wm Malcolm, Cooper	8	0 10 0
John Polson—		
Robt Sutherland Gardr	2	0 10 0
Donald Sutherland	4	0 10 0
Wm Arthur Labr	3	1 0 0
Women paupers	10	
Mr Willox—		
Mr Massie farmer	7	1 5 0
John Smith, blacksmith	3	1 0 0
Alex. Wishart labourer	3	0 10 0
Wm Dallas—		
Wm Dallas brickmaker	4	1 0 0
Geo. Melvin, labourer	5	0 10 0
John Lawson, labourer	2	0 10 0
Mr Leslie's heirs—		
Colonel Fraser	6	15 0 0
Alex. Chives Mercht	2	1 10 0
Provost Duncan—		
Provost Duncan	7	18 0 0
Corporations—		
Tho. Allan, Gardener	4	1 0 0
Gilbt Watson Labr	2	0 10 0
Lady Reid—		
Mrs Fraser	6	8 0 0
Manse—		
Revd Mr Ogilvie	10	20 0 0
Tho. Wilkin—		
Tho. Wilkin, wright	4	1 10 0
Two woman paupers	4	
Auchmacoy—		
Mr Smith	5	20 0 0
Robt Renny—		
Mr Torrie, Schoolmaster	7	1 0 0
Four woman paupers	9	

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Mr A. Ross—		
Rebecca Forbes	1	£1 0 0
Alex. Findlater, Shoemaker	5	0 15 0
Two women paupers	3	
Mrs Livingston—		
Mrs Livingston	5	6 0 0
Alex. Innes—		
Alex. Innes Gardener	3	1 0 0
Mr Falconer, Tanner	2	2 0 0
Mr Strachan Merchant	2	1 0 0
A man and woman paupers	3	
George Fiddes—		
Geo. Fiddes Shoemaker	6	2 0 0
James Black	5	0 15 9
Mrs Waddell	4	0 10 0
Anne Fiddes	2	0 10 0
One woman pauper	1	
Widow Swap—		
Widow Swap	3	1 0 0
James Nicol—		
Jas Nicol Taylor	2	1 0 0
Tho Galloway Mason	5	0 15 0
John Still	4	0 10 0
James Diack, Labourer	1	0 10 0
Geo. Clark	2	0 10 0
One woman pauper	1	
Col. Mair—		
Lady Hariet Gordon	3	8 0 0
Robt Moir—		
Robt Moir	2	1 10 0
Geo. Smith	2	1 0 0
William Connon	2	0 10 0
Alex George Carter	1	0 10 0
Alex Chrystal	2	0 10 0
Robt Bannerman	3	0 10 0
Seven women paupers	9	
One man pauper	3	

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Miss Ross—		
Miss Ross	2	£5 0 0
Mr Gail—		
John Nicol	7	1 5 0
Mrs Davidson	1	0 10 0
John Couper—		
John Black	2	0 10 0
Tho. Christie Butcher	4	1 0 0
Two women paupers	7	
Wm Smith—		
Alex Sangster Wheelwright	4	1 0 0
Alex Sangster Junr	1	0 10 0
Robert Nicol Carter	5	1 0 0
Mr Willox—		
James Bruce Baker	3	2 0 0
Mr Heard	3	2 0 0
John Melvin Stabler	2	2 0 0
Mrs White	1	0 10 0
James Chisholm—		
Ja. Chisholm Shoemaker	3	1 0 0
John Smith	2	0 10 0
Elizabeth Cruickshank	1	0 10 0
Jas Logie	3	0 10 0
Alex. Rettie	3	0 10 0
A man and woman paupers	3	
Geo. Birnie—		
Geo. Birnie, Vintner	6	2 10 0
Robt Cruickshank, Baker	5	2 10 0
Peter Forbes, Kirk Officer	4	1 0 0
Mrs Hay—		
Mrs Hay	2	5 0 0
Wm Kemp Towns Officer	3	1 0 0
B. Cruickshank—		
B. Cruickshank	4	6 0 0
Miss Lumsden—		
Miss Lumsden	4	5 0 0

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Mrs Forbes—		
John Polson farmer	6	£1 10 0
Jas Polson Cartwright.	1	0 10 0
Geo. Philp	5	0 10 0
Wm Walker	1	0 10 0
Four women paupers	4	
Mr Cummine—		
Geo. Ogg, Wright	2	1 0 0
Widow Fawns	2	0 10 0
John Anderson, labourer	4	0 10 0
John Thomson do.	5	0 10 0
Andrew Watson do.	1	0 10 0
James Mackie do.	5	0 10 0
Geo. Philip do.	2	0 10 0
James Scot do.	3	0 15 0
Peter Leslie Wright	2	1 0 0
Seven women paupers	11	
Two men paupers	3	
Knockispock—		
James Brown Carter	6	1 0 0
Mr Willox—		
Mrs Willox	5	10 0 0
Mr Forbes, Thainstoun	14	15 0 0
Mrs Farquharson	3	5 0 0
Mrs Chalmers	5	5 0 0
John Irvine—		
Jo. Irvine Mercht	1	2 10 0
Mrs Davidson—		
Jas Stronach vintner	4	2 10 0
Elizabeth Catto	1	0 10 0
One woman pauper	1	
James Swap Senr—		
Ja. Swap Junr Barber	5	1 0 0
John Short, carter	5	1 0 0

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Ja^s Craighead—		
John Gray, Labourer	5	£0 10 0
James Knowles, do.	2	0 10 0
Mrs Gordon	1	0 10 0
Mrs Livie—		
Alex. Massie	4	0 10 0
Capt Mathieson—		
Capt Mathieson	10	25 0 0
Alex^r. Forrest, Barber	2	0 10 0
Alex. Coutts	3	0 10 0
John Stead	4	0 10 0
One woman pauper	2	
Walter Leith—		
Walter Leith	2	1 0 0
Alex. Thom—		
Alex. Thom Kirk Officer	2	1 10 0
Wm Grant Gardener	5	0 10 0
John Murdoch, Labourer	4	0 10 0
John Garden, do.	2	0 10 0
Wm Singer do.	4	0 10 0
John Jamieson mason	9	1 0 0
Two women paupers	2	
One man do.	4	
Widow Maitland—		
Widow Maitland	2	0 15 0
Geo. Anderson	2	1 0 0
William Burnett	2	0 10 0
Miss Mitchell	1	0 10 0
Three women paupers	5	
Col. Mair—		
James Nicol mason	7	1 0 0
Wm Walker	1	0 10 0
One woman pauper	1	

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Widow Riach—		
Widow Riach	3	£1 0 0
Tho Leith Shoemaker	3	0 15 0
Four women paupers	12	
One man do.	2	
Mr Garden—		
Geo. Willox	5	3 0 0
Capt Byres—		
Miss Leslie	4	5 0 0
Harrows fund—		
Hellen Paterson	1	2 0 0
John Auld—		
John Auld Mealseller	3	1 10 0
Widow Donald	3	1 0 0
Robt Nicol—		
Geo. Brown	2	0 10 0
Wm Nicol	1	0 10 0
Wm Stewart	2	1 0 0
One woman pauper	3	
Widow Cantlay—		
Widow Cantlay	4	1 0 0
Margt Chisholm	1	0 10 0
James Cummine	5	0 10 0
Gilbt Dickie	2	0 10 0
Jeannie Ross	1	0 10 0
William Gray—		
William Gray	3	1 5 0
Alex Edmund	2	0 10 0
3 women paupers	3	
John Robertson—		
John Robertson Sacrist	7	1 0 0
Anne Coutts—		
Anne Coutts	1	0 10 0

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Bailie Smith—		
Ja & Alex Smith each £3	7	£6 0 0
Miss Leith	1	0 15 0
John Mackie farmer	4	1 10 0
John Barrack Carter	4	1 10 0
Widow Barrack	2	0 10 0
Isabel Robertson	2	0 10 0
Alex. Wood, gardener	4	0 15 0
One woman pauper	1	
John Anderson—		
John Anderson Tanner	5	2 0 0
Mr Saunders Exciseman	8	2 0 0
Jas. Rainnie Coll. Porter	3	1 0 0
James Melvin—		
James Melvin farmer	6	1 10 0
Alex Martin Shoemaker	3	1 0 0
John Adam, Labr	5	0 10 0
3 women paupers	3	
1 man do.	1	
Kings College—		
Mr Thrustans	1	10 0 0
Heirs of M Garrey—		
Waste		
Mrs Cock—		
Mrs Cock	2	2 0 0
Alex Ingram Wright	3	2 0 0
Geo. Robertson Labr	3	1 10 0
Widow Beverly	3	1 0 0
Robt Wildegoose Goldsmith	3	0 15 0
Mr Leslie—		
Mr Leslie	9	20 0 0
Kings College—		
Dr Bannerman	10	10 0 0
Mr Low	7	3 0 0
Dr Jack	5	5 0 0

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Kings College—		
Revd Mr Simpson	1	£5 0 0
Mr Gray School M^{r}	1	2 10 0
Professor Ogilvie	3	10 0 0
Dr Gerard	11	10 0 0
Professor McLeod	14	10 0 0
Alex. Murray—		
Alex. Murray Tanner	2	3 0 0
Wm Barron—		
Ja^{s} Rae Weaver	7	1 0 0
Wm Connon Shoemaker	5	0 15 0
Alex. Knowles—		
Alex. Knowles	5	1 0 0
Ja. Chalmers Gard^{r}	4	0 10 0
Ja^{s} Symmers—		
Ja. Symmers Weaver	2	1 10 0
John Ross—		
Ja. Charles, Taylor	2	0 10 0
John Elder, Weaver	3	0 10 0
Wm Barron—		
John Stevin, Bleacher	5	0 10 0
John Ross—		
John McPherson	2	0 10 0
Wm Barron—		
Wm Barron not finished		
Wm Moir—		
Alex. Connon, Taylor	5	1 0 0
Adam Stables	4	1 0 0
Alex. Shinie—		
Alex. Shinie Shoemaker	5	1 0 0
Wm Linton—		
Wm Linton do.	2	2 0 0

Possessors and Occupations.	Persons.	Rent.
Robt Grant—		
Nathl Thomson weaver	4	£1 0 0
Robt Grant do.	1	0 15 0
John Melvin do.	5	0 15 0
John Robertson do.	2	0 10 0
Widow McGregor	2	0 10 0
Widow Paul	2	0 10 0
Con. Volum—		
Wm Robie	2	0 10 0
3 women paupers	3	
Wm Volum weaver	3	1 0 0
Bishops Hospt—		
John Ross weaver	4	1 0 0
Two women paupers	3	
One man do.	1	
Kings College—		
Professor Gordon	7	10 0 0
Prof Scott		4 0 0
Robt Rainnie—		
Robt Rainnie weaver	3	2 0 0
Peter Rainnie do.	3	1 0 0
Alex. Catto—		
John Robb mercht	1	0 10 0
Alex. Clark—		
Robt Wishart Taylor	6	2 0 0
Wm Fiddes Dyer	1	1 0 0
Margt Milne	2	1 0 0
Mr Forbes, Seaton—		
Andw Leslie mason	2	0 10 0
Alex Cumine Carter	5	0 10 0
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Old Aberdeen 8 January 1796 Attested by the Valuators appointed by Head Court held 30 Novem. 1795 Signed. Hugh Leslie; James

Smith: Alex Smith, George Fiddes, Andrew Lawson, Alex. Clark, George Jaffray.

IV.—Proceedings of the Parliamentary Commission for Trade. 16th March 1699.[1]

1.—Petition for the Magistrats of Old Aberdeen.

Unto the Right Honll the Lord High Chancellor and remanent Lords and others of the Commissione for regulating the trade betwixt the Burghs Royall and Burghs of Regallity and Barronie.

The Petitione of the Magistrats of Old Aberdeen for themselves and in name of the Community yrof.

Humbly Sheweth,

That wher we being informed that the Burghs Royall have given in a Memoriall to yor Lo, by qch they insinuat that we should pay a pairt of the Stent Roll, Albeit it cannot be condishended, that any liveing within our toune have had any foraigne trade except such as ar Burghers of Aberdeen who ar Stented by the Magistrats yrof, and so falls not under the compass of unfree traders, so that it wer very hard to impose any quota upon yor petitioners who ar content to renunce the benefite of the Act of Parliãt. except yor Lo, allow us such ane easie quota as we ar able to bear.

May it yrfor please your Lo, to consider the premissis And befor any quota be stented upon us that yor Lo., would allow us to be heard in your oune presence, And your petitioners shall ever pray.

Wm Black.

Edinb: 16 March 1699.

The Commissione of Parliãt for setling the communicaon of trade haveing considered this petitione and heard the petitioners Advocats yrupon they modifie tuo shill Scots monethly to be payed by the toun of Old Aberdeen and approves the report of the Committee yranent.

Marchmont Cancellar. I.P.C.

[1] Acts of Parliament, x. 113.

2.—Report from the Commissioners of Supply of the Shyre of Aberdeen to the Commission of Parlia^{t} of what wes offered before them be Burghs of Barony and Regality and other unfree Traders for the benefite of Communication of Trade with the Com^{rs} opinion anent the sds. offers. 25th Day of April, 1700.[1]

The saids Commissioners of Supply of the Shire of Aberdeen at least a quorum of them having met at Aberdeen the said twenty fyfth day of Aprile did in the first place nominat and elect Sir Samuel Forbes of Foveran to be their Preses. Thereafter Andrew Fraser of Kinmundie Shirref Depute of Aberdeen one of their number did produce the Act of the Com^{rs} of Parlia^{t} anent unfrie Traders dated the tuentie day of March last, whereby the Com^{rs} of Supply of the sc̃all Shires are appointed to meet at their ordinary places of meeting this day to receive and hear what every Burgh of Regality Baronie and others unfree Traders within the rex̃ive bounds will offer and undertake to pay of the taxt roll of ane hundreth punds of the Burghs Royall for obtaining the communication and freedome of trade conform to the Acts of Parlia^{t} made theranent, As also to hear what the Burghs Royal within their rex̃ive bounds shall object ag^{t} the saids offers and to receive and consider what arguments probation and other evidents may be adduced hinc inde for the better stating and adjusting of the said quota.

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Lykewayes compeared Mr John Robertsone one of the Baillies of Old Aberdeen and produced a Commission dated the tuentie tuo day of Aprile instant granted to him be the Baillies and Councill of the City of Old Aberdeen for compearing befor the Com^{rs} of Supplie at this tyme and making offer in favors of the said citie for their communication of trade, which Commission being publictlie read, the sd. Mr John Robertsone made offer of tuelfe pennies Scots of the taxt roll for the said Toun of Old Aberdeen and freedome therof including the whole inhabitants and wes content to bear burden accordingly, declaring the freedome to be from the Key stone at John Setons house in the Spithill to Thomas Cassies house in the head of the Seaton in the North end of the Old Toun, and protested that this may be reported to the Commission of Parlia^{t} and that he might have ane extract therof; Lykeas it wes

[1] Acts of Parliament, x. 143.

objected ag^{t} the same be the Burgh of Aberdeen, that the offer is far under the value of their trade, espeattie considering that they live within a myle of the Burgh of Aberdeen, and have interest in the shipping therof and have a vast trade of stockings fingring and plaiding and intercepts the most pairt of these goods when coming to the said Burgh of Aberdeen, and import and export all staple commodities; and to evidence how mean the offer made is, it is offered to be proven that James Knight, Alex^{r} Molliesone, and other merchants living in Old Aberdeen have paid each of them more taxa^{o}n to the Burgh of Aberdeen yearly than the offer extends to, And it is offered to be proven that ther is more than thretty trading mert^{s} in Old Aberdeen, who have a considerable foraigne and inland trade, the veritie of the which objection is offered to be proven by the Custom-house and factors bookes and their oun receipts of taxa^{o}n and oaths of verity, As to which objection made be the Burgh of Aberdeen ag^{t} the offer maid be the Old Toun, It wes replyed be the said Mr John Robertsone that the haill inhabitants within the Toun of Old Aberdeen (except sex or seven) are reduced to such straits, as can be maid appear, that both they and their families do live upon charity, and these sex or seven neither does nor ever did trade to foraigne places, except one who is a Burger of Aberdeen, and is most severely taxed by the said Toun yearly far beyond his trade, And q^{r}as it is said that the merchants in Old Aberdeen have shares in ships, It is offered to be proven that ther is no merchant in Old Aberdeen hes any right or share in any ship except James Knight, who hes only a tuelft pairt of Skipper Scots Bark, so that the Toun of Aberdeen their objection ag^{t} the offer made by Old Aberdeen is most calumnious tending only to the ruine of the place, therfore it wes desired that the former offer of the Toun of Old Aberdeen with the objection and this reply made therto may be recorded and reported to the Commission of Parlia^{t} or their Clerk tymouslie, And that the said Mr John as Commissioner forsd. may have ane extract therof, To which it wes ansered be the Burgh of Aberdeen that the forsaid reply is very calumnious; For if Mr John Ro^{t}sone ingiver therof will condescend upon the sex or seven merchants who he alleadges are the only traders ther, the Burgh of Aberdeen will condescend upon twice als many who have als great a trade, And since it is offered to be proven that James Knight, & Alex^{r} Molisone being taxt as Burgers of Aberdeen, each of them have paid

more than the offer made for Old Aberdeen, It is evident that the said offer is a mear sham, and very far below the extent of their trade, and farder it is well known to Mr Rotsone that ther are no merchants in the Old Toun taxt but after the same maner the mertts in Abd are taxt, that is conform to the accompt of their oun upgiving, or a probaon in case of short upgiving.

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The Commissioners judged it convenient for them to proceed to the considerao̊n of the offers alreadie made, that they might make a report of their opinion theranent, In order wherunto they caused their clerk read over separately and by itselfe each of these severall offers with the objectiones, replyes and duplyes relating to each particular of them, and at great length having seperatlie considered each of these offers and objectiones and fully heard the pairties concerned theranent, As also having reasoned and consulted the same among themselves they did and hereby do give their opinion as follows viz. :—

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And as to the offer made be the Toun of Old Aberdeen of tuelfe pennies Scots for the inhabitants of the said Toun and alleadged freedome including from the Key stone to Thomas Cassies house the Commissioners does not find that the Toun of Old Aberdeen hes any priviledge or jurisdiction over the Spithill pertaining to James Moir of Stonywood and for which he hes made offer and with all the Commissioners judges that the offer of tuelfe pennies Scots is too mean and very far below the extent of their trade albeit they should restrict it to the inhabitants of Old Aberdeen allennarly.

3.—Petition for the inhabitants of Old Aberdein, 7th August 1701.[1]

Unto the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee appointed for bringing in the Scheme of the unfree traders their proportions of the Taxt Roll for the relief of the Royall Burrowes, The Petition of Master Alexr Frazer William Baxter and James Knight Bailzies of Old Aberdeen for themselves and in name of the Councill and Communitie of the sd. Burgh

Humbly Sheweth,

That where your petitioners being informed that your Lops have

[1] Acts of Parliament, x. 148.

thought fitt that the haill unfree tradders within this Kingdome should pay five pound seven shilling nine pennies of the stent roll and have proportioned the same among the sẽall Burghs of Barrony and Regallity of whom the Burgh of Old Aberdeen being one, your Lõps inclined to put three shilling Scots upon the said Burgh for our communication of trade, But that the sd. schem is not yet approven, so that we beg leave to represent to your Lõps that our sd. Burgh of Old Abd̃. is so impoverished what by quartering and other publick calamities that we cannot support w^t^ the burden of the sd. three shilling in the taxt roll, since y^r^ are feu or no tradeing merchants amongst ws and such as are have their freedom of the Neutoun of Abd. and payes scot and lot y^r^ For the poor Toun of Old Abdn. hes no harbour nor no manner of trade, only some small commodities we retaill which is brought from the Newtoun of Abdn and whose Burgers have the only advantage by it, being the importers of all sort of goods in which the inhabitants of the Old Toun have no part and consequently no profit, all of which is very weell known to some of your Lõps own number, and wee haveing formerly made an offer of twelve pennies Scots of the taxt roll for our communication before the Commissioners of Supplie as ane extract of the offer herew^t^ produced will testify which is all wee can conveniently support with, yet we are content to take six pennies more making in haill eighteen which is all that in reasone can be demanded of ws or without the ruin of our Burgh, can be undertaken be ws.

May it therefor please your Lõps &^c^

The Committee aggries y^t^ the sd. place pay tuo shill for y^r^ trade.

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